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Angry British colonel returns fire in Bosnia

BY TOM RHODES IN VITEZ AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WESTERN anger and tension over the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina reached a new pitch yesterday as President Clinton came under growing pressure to take military action and the commander of British troops in the republic personally returned fire for the first time.

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart was provoked into shooting by a rocket-propelled grenade attack on a house in central Bosnia, his patience already stretched almost to breaking point by the massacre he had discovered in another village on Thursday.

Yesterday, he was on a regular reconnaisance trip to monitor the ceasefire in the



Stewart: fired his first shots in anger

hills around Vitez when several blasts of small arms fire sung past his troops. The grenade then exploded in a house about 40 ft from his armoured vehicle, and the commander leapt to his feet and fired into the hillside. As his men honed their sights, he shouted: "We should fire to shoot to kill, but they had not killed anybody, so I gave them a few warning shots."

The incident, in the village of Jelinak, came the day after Lt Col Stewart had berated a local Croat HVO soldier over the murder of a family of seven, whose charred bodies were found in the wreck of their home in another village. Then, he declared: "This is a disgrace, whole valleys have been massacred here. What is happening here?"

The soldiers' despair and frustration continued yesterday as they encountered numerous difficulties in monitoring the ceasefire agreed between Muslim and Croat commanders on Tuesday night. Both sides have pulled back slightly, but neither has reached the lines defined under the truce.

In the village of Vrhovine, a Muslim soldier said: "We don't want to stop, they have been killing our children. When they burn our mosques, we will burn their churches. When they talk to us, then we will talk back to them." As the tension rose, a British soldier was heard saying: "I don't mean to sound dramatic, but if there is any trouble, hit that man over there. He has got an RPG (grenade)."

The diplomatic tension was also rising yesterday, with senior American officials urging President Clinton to use military force against the Serbs in eastern Bosnia. Mr Clinton insisted last night that America would not act unilaterally, but he added: "Nor do I think we should have to." He then expressed confidence that Britain and France would soon agree to concerted action, with arming the Bosnian Muslims and bombing Serb targets were the main options.

Britain and France have resisted both measures, which would almost certainly end their humanitarian relief operations, but the president told a news conference that the allies had been genuinely reassessing their positions. "I would not rule out the fact that we can reach an agreement for concerted action that goes beyond where we have been."

Mr Clinton added that he expected to announce the administration's new policy within the next few days, saying: "I think we should act. The United States should lead."

The likelihood of stronger Western action has been apparent for days and Malcom Rifkind appeared to bow to the inevitable on Thursday when he signalled his preference for air strikes over arming the Muslims, a move he likened to unleashing the dogs of war. But Washington sources believe the administration is tilting more towards lifting the arms embargo.

Mr Clinton gave little away last night beyond saying that he agreed with Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, that any direct military action had to have clearly defined and achievable objectives. "The US is not, should not be, involved as a partisan in a war," he said.

The domestic pressure on Mr Clinton to intervene had earlier been highlighted by the disclosure that a dozen State Department Balkan specialists are rebelling against the present reliance on sanctions and diplomacy. Madeleine Albright, America's ambassador to the UN, has sent the president a memorandum urging air strikes against the Serbs even if the allies declined to participate. The vice-president, national security adviser and defence secretary are also said to be pressing for a more aggressive policy.

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Taking aim: Captain Lee Smart of the Royal Signals tries to locate a sniper firing on British troops from the hills above Jelinak yesterday

Independent talks terms to take over the Observer

BY MARTIN WALLER AND BRIAN MACARTHUR

THE future of one of the world's oldest newspapers hung in the balance last night after it was revealed that the publisher of *The Independent* is involved in talks to purchase the *Observer*.

Informed City sources said a deal could be struck within the next month under which Newspaper Publishing, publisher of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, buys the *Observer* from Lonrho, the conglomerate that has owned it since 1981. Under the deal Lonrho, headed by its controversial chief executive and founder, Roland "Tiny" Rowland, would gain a large shareholding in Newspaper Publishing in return for the *Observer*.

There was immediate speculation that *Independent* executives would use the purchase as an opportunity to kill the

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201-year-old title, which trades in direct competition to *The Independent's* Sunday stablemate. Industry sources expressed concern that the *Observer*, which makes heavy losses, would at best be merged with *The Independent on Sunday*, which is also struggling in a market dominated by *The Sunday Times*.

Under the terms thought to be under discussion between Lonrho and Newspaper Publishing, the former would receive a payment, deferred perhaps for a year, of somewhere short of £15 million, but this would depend on the Sunday paper gaining circulation and could be adjusted if such gains were not made.

Lonrho, whose other interests include hotels, car dealerships and precious metal mining, would take a stake in Newspaper Publishing which the potential buyers are thought to want not to exceed 15 per cent of the shares. The two other major shareholders in Newspaper Publishing are *La Repubblica*, the Italian daily, and Spain's *El Pais*.

The sale of the *Observer* has apparently been triggered by the arrival at Lonrho of Dieter Bock, a German businessman and hotel owner who joined as its financial saviour late last year. Sources say Mr Bock is keen to sell the paper, which he does not see as an important part of the group. But they emphasise that the two parties are still talking.

Donald Trelford, editor of the *Observer*, last night tried to dampen speculation that the newspaper was about to be sold to a rival publisher and subsequently closed.

He issued a statement that reports of the newspaper's imminent death had been "greatly exaggerated". He said: "I am assured by Lonrho that there is no agreement to sell. Any such agreement could only be made with the approval of Lonrho's board and after consultation with the board of the *Observer*."

Other sources at the *Observer* said last night that no policy decision had been made by the Lonrho board to sell the paper. Neither Mr Rowland nor Mr Bock had been in London this week and no decision would be made in their absence.

A second bid has reportedly been made by *The Guardian*. Although apparently lower, at about £20 million, this proposal would maintain the *Observer* as the fourth quality Sunday paper.

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Court upholds teachers' boycott

BY BEN PRESTON AND JOHN O'LEARY

THE government's education policy faces collapse this summer after three Appeal Court judges ruled yesterday that a teaching union's boycott of national curriculum tests is a legitimate trade dispute.

The judgment clears the way for the most widespread industrial action in schools since the pay strikes of the mid-1980s. Two other unions are balloting members this month to join the coalition confronting John Patten, the education secretary.

Lord Justices Neill, Steyn and Rose refused to grant the Conservative council of Wandsworth, south London, an injunction requiring the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers to lift its ban on curriculum testing and assessment.

The court upheld a High Court ruling three weeks ago that the union was engaged in a legitimate dispute over teachers' terms and conditions of employment and was therefore immune from court action. Edward Lister, the council leader, said it did not intend to appeal to the House of Lords, effectively blocking the only immediate escape route left to Mr Patten.

Senior Downing Street officials played down suggestions that they are considering tightening industrial relations laws to curb public servants' right to strike — thus safeguarding future compulsory assessments in schools — but privately acknowledge that this term's tests for 1.2 million seven-, 11- and 14-year-olds may be beyond salvage.

A jubilant Nigel de Gruchy, the NAS/UWT general secretary, emerged from the court with arms aloft and declared a "scorching victory" for teachers, parents and pupils over mindless government bureaucracy. He called for urgent talks with Mr Patten to resolve the dispute by suspending this summer's tests and reducing teachers' workload.

Mr de Gruchy gave a warning that the government's worst option was to change industrial relations law, as this would inflame the situation. "Even if the government succeeded in legislating the unions out of the frame, it will still probably have to cope with an open rebellion by 400,000 teachers," he said.

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Major hails strong recovery

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JANET BUSH

JOHN Major last night intensified his efforts to dispel the lingering shadows of the recession as he hailed fresh evidence that the recovery was gathering pace.

The prime minister said that Britain was poised for take-off in world markets after the government's success in creating the best economic platform for nearly 40 years.

On a day when retail sales defied expectations by rising 0.5 per cent in March to record levels, demand for home loans rose 13 per cent on the previous month and tentative signs emerged of a narrowing in the trade gap, Mr Major was in bullish mood on a tour of the north-west. "These suggest a return in confidence in the high street. It represents a welcome sign. It is very encouraging," he said.

Later, in a speech to Manchester businessmen, he signalled a strong personal commitment to boosting manufacturing industry and urged firms to capitalise on the opportunities now opening up on the export front.

"We can compete brilliantly and we are now well placed to win in the world's market place ... We have inflation below 2 per cent, better than most of the European Community and most of the G7 group of leading industrialised countries. We have a highly competitive exchange rate. Interest rates are the

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400 try to help trace girl caller

BY LIN JENKINS

POLICE received more than 400 calls from the public and local agencies yesterday after their appeal to help to trace a family who telephoned the Samaritans.

All were being checked in an effort to trace a women who made the call before apparently collapsing. A girl, who said she was four and gave her name as Rachel, said her mother was bleeding and could not be woken.

Detective Superintendent Brian Edwards, of Ealing police, said the woman who took the call noted that the girl twice said she lived in Acton, west London. She also mumbled her surname, which sounded like "Rika" or "Richa".

He said he was satisfied that the volunteer had done "everything in her power to get as much relevant information that would help the police as she could". He said the police had been told immediately of the call, which was made at 3am on Thursday, and that the volunteer had been convinced of its authenticity.

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British diplomat kidnapped

BY DAVID WATTS

A BRITON was among three European diplomats kidnapped at gunpoint as they drove into southern Afghanistan yesterday.

Jack Dodds, listed as second secretary at the deputy high commission in Karachi, Pakistan, was held en route to Kandahar, according to local reports. The Foreign Office declined to confirm the name of the official involved, but said that a diplomat from the high commission in Islamabad had been sent to investigate the whereabouts of the missing man.

One report said that the three had been stopped by Abdullah Noorazai, an Afghan tribal leader, about six miles across the border from the Pakistan town of Chaman.

A local official said they were trying to contact the kidnappers. The official said Mr Noorazai was demanding the release of two of his men who were arrested last month in the remote western province of Baluchistan for possession of weapons.

It is understood that Mr Dodds is involved in the monitoring of the cross-border drugs trade in the area, with Stefen Chalt of Germany and Gert Piening of The Netherlands.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Tyneside explosion linked to Warrington

Anti-terrorist detectives from Scotland Yard are comparing a device that exploded at a Tyneside oil depot yesterday with one recovered after the IRA bombed a gas holder in Warrington two months ago. There are distinct similarities between the two. In yesterday's incident at an Esso depot at North Shields, one device blew a hole in the side of a storage tank at 3.40am. No warning was given. About 600 gallons of crude oil poured out through the 3ft gap, but failed to ignite. Nobody was injured.

A search involving sniffer dogs and Army explosives experts from Catterick Camp, North Yorkshire, found a second device. Its apparent sophistication indicated some form of organised terrorist involvement. Last night Det Chief Supt Barry Stewart, head of Northumbria CID, said the bombing was almost certainly by the IRA. Forensic scientists are reconstructing items found at the site.

Bulger committal

Two boys aged 10 accused of the abduction and murder of James Bulger were yesterday committed to crown court for trial. James, 2, from Kirkby, Merseyside, disappeared on a shopping trip with his mother in February. The two boys, who appeared before South Sefton youth court at Bootle, Merseyside, are also accused of the attempted abduction of another two-year-old boy on the same day. No application for bail was made and they were put into the care of the local authority until their first appearance at Liverpool Crown Court.

Police haul vanished

West Midlands police have begun an investigation into how thousands of pounds of electrical goods went missing while in the custody of officers. Stolen video recorders, camcorders and computer games are said to have disappeared from stores at a police station in Birmingham. They were part of a £25,000 haul recovered in dawn raids after a £120,000 robbery from a Coventry store. At least two officers are understood to be under investigation. Police would not say if they had been suspended. It is understood that the missing property has since been found and returned.

Judges back porn ban

The owners of satellite pornography channel Red Hot Television failed yesterday in their High Court attempt to block the government's decision to stop viewers from seeing its programmes in Britain. Two judges ruled that the European Court of Justice should be asked to decide whether the heritage secretary, Peter Brooke, acted lawfully in banning the sale of decoders needed to receive programmes from Denmark. They refused to grant an injunction preventing the order from taking effect pending the European Court's decision.

A taste for whisky



A librarian is the first woman to win the *Times/Aberlour* malt whisky competition. Gillian Brown, left, of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, beat her husband, Ian, by half a point in a blind tasting of six island and six Speyside malt whiskies at the Aberlour distillery on Speyside. She wins a weekend for two at a European destination of her choice. The contest attracted over 3,000 entries.

Road death charges

A teenager was charged last night with causing the deaths on Easter day of Rachel Reed, 6, and her sister Maria, 8. Robert Hoe, 19, of Eston, Cleveland, was charged with drink-driving and two counts of causing death by dangerous driving. He is due to appear before Teesside magistrates today. The sisters died instantly and their friend, Leigh-Ann Johns, 9, had both her legs amputated after a car mounted a pavement in South Bank, near Middlesbrough, and hit them.

Lamont hails 'green branches' as Major flies high on recovery hopes



Hear no evil: the prime minister takes cover from aircraft noise during a visit to British Aerospace's defence plant at Warton, Lancashire

Chancellor warns Newbury against short-term protest

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont declared yesterday that Britain is "on the up" and can look forward to a period of steady and sustained growth.

On a flying visit to Newbury, the Chancellor admitted that his unpopular decisions had lost by-elections for the Conservatives in the past, but insisted his policies were paying off.

He hinted that he is hanging on until publication of the latest statistics on economic output on Monday before pronouncing the recession over. But he said it was not extravagant for the Conservative candidate for the by-election in Newbury next month to talk of "green branches" of recovery.

Mr Lamont said: "The recovery can clearly be seen in retail sales, manufacturing, industrial productivity and exports. It is difficult to find an indicator in the last few months that has not been positive and encouraging."

When asked if he regretted singing in the bath when forced to withdraw sterling from the European exchange-rate mechanism or talking prematurely last autumn of green shoots, the Chancellor replied: "Je ne regrette rien."

During his visit of less than two hours to the Berkshire town, Mr Lamont took care not to canvass the views of voters in the presence of journalists. He confined himself to attending the daily by-election press conference and touring the offices of a computer software firm.

Recognising the impact of the recession on the constituency, he conceded that the tough decisions he had made "did not make me the most popular Chancellor of all time. They did not help us to win by-elections in the past. But the fact is, they were the right decisions. And now we can see today that they are paying off."

The by-election on May 6 will be the first test of public feeling about the economic upheavals that have dogged John Major's government since the general election. In the campaigning so far, the Conservative party's candidate, Julian Davidson, appears to be running neck and neck with David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat candidate.

Mr Lamont acknowledged that victory could be a struggle for the Tories. "By May 6 we must persuade the people of Newbury not to register a short-term protest by voting for the merchants of doom and gloom. We must persuade them to back the candidate and back the party that has not shirked tough decisions."

Mr Davidson described the Chancellor as "the architect of the recovery" when he welcomed him to Newbury, but sidestepped the question of whether he should remain Chancellor. "Certainly things are looking very good for the economy nationally and in west Berkshire," he said.

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lowest in the EC and the lowest for 15 years.

"We have not seen that combination for nearly 40 years ... Manufacturing output is up, so is investment. Productivity is rising fast. You have kept wage costs competitive, doing better than Germany or Japan, better at any time for a generation. Britain is set for two years of solid growth, growth that is the fastest in the EC big league. We have every reason to be confident about our economic prospects."

The government is likely to get official statistical backing for its hope that the recession has ended on Monday when figures for economic growth in the first three months of the year are published. These could show growth of more than 0.5 per cent and many City economists are in the process of pushing up their forecasts for growth this year.

Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, also welcomed signs of a "sustainable" recovery when he took time off from campaigning in the Newbury by-election to speak of his growing confidence. Although stopping short of declaring the recession over, Mr Lamont said it was difficult to find an economic indicator in recent months which had not been positive and encouraging.

Gordon Brown, Labour spokesman on the Treasury, countered: "Conservative complacency and self-congratulation will not create the strong economy we need to ensure a lasting recovery with high growth and high employment."

Confidence that a recovery is under way is rising strongly among Britain's company directors as they experience rising orders, output and profits. On the eve of its national conference in London on Tuesday, the Institute of Directors is expected to unveil findings from its bi-monthly opinion survey showing the highest level of confidence among company directors for almost five years.

Yesterday's figures confirmed a markedly more buoyant mood in the City about economic prospects this year. Ian Harnett, chief economist with Strauss Turnbull, said: "It is difficult to present a case that this is a false dawn because so many pieces of the jigsaw are coming together." He is preparing to raise his forecast for growth this year to 2 per cent, well above the government's budget estimate of 1.25 per cent.

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House buyers put £5,000 in tills

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A RECOVERY in the housing market is the key to a pick-up in consumer spending because every householder who moves spends an average £5,000 on kitting out their new property, according to housing experts at Glasgow University.

Professor Duncan Maclennan, director of its housing research centre, says that when people move they spend 8 to 10 per cent of the value of their house on carpets, furniture and white goods. The average house price in Britain is £55,000.

If property prices rise, consumer spending will rise further, Professor Maclennan says. "Then people feel richer, and the 'feel-good' factor means they spend more widely."

About 70 per cent of homes in Britain are privately owned, with outstanding mortgages standing at about £800 million.

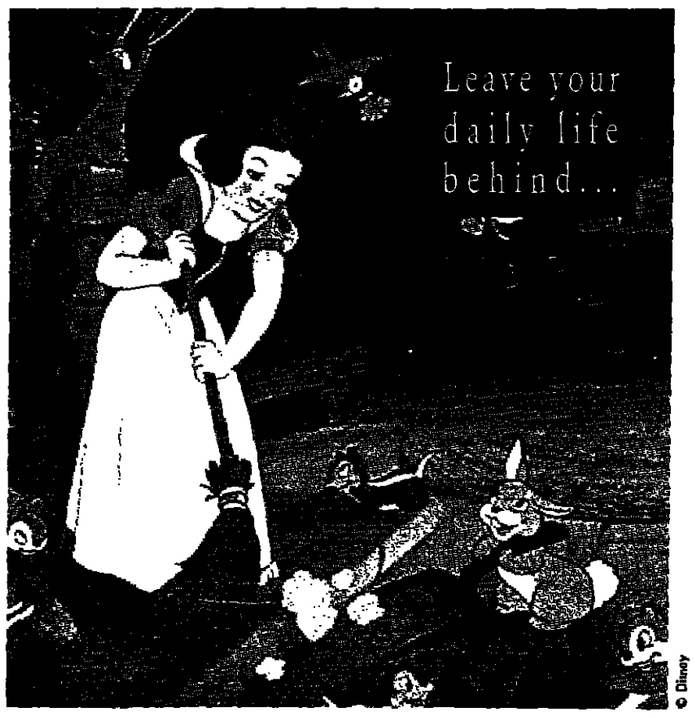
When prices rise, consumers also borrow more on the value of their homes. In 1988, the peak year of the housing boom, British householders borrowed £42.7 billion, allegedly for buying and improving houses. In fact, they spent only £18.2 billion on housing investment. The rest went on consumer goods, holidays and investments, known as "equity withdrawal". It was this which fuelled domestic demand and was behind the inflationary consumer boom at the end of the eighties.

Professor Maclennan says that a pick-up in consumer spending could lag behind a housing recovery. An estimated 1.5 million homeowners have homes worth less than their mortgages and prices will have to rise by 5 or 6 per cent before their debts are cleared and they can start spending again.

The impact of lower interest rates on mortgage repayments, which should also help a consumer recovery, is taking time to work, Professor Maclennan says. Many borrowers are just beginning to feel the benefits because of one-year interest agreements with lenders.

Builders who in the past would have quickly started building again are delaying because of their stocks of unsold homes. There are thought to be about 200,000 empty properties on the market.

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Observer's future hangs in balance after two centuries in print

The newspaper that lost its way



Nigel Hawkes, science editor of The Times, spent 17 years at the Observer. He reflects on that newspaper's charmed life

THE *Observer*, once the high table of Fleet Street, has been brought low by a shrinking circulation, a series of unsatisfactory owners and a loss of editorial drive. Yet for years it led a charmed life, narrowly escaping extinction several times as losses mounted.

Twice in the last 20 years fresh money came to the rescue like the US cavalry, but the new owners always lacked the talent to turn round a paper whose last great days were in the 1960s. The *Observer* needed a Beaverbrook, but it ended up with Tiny Rowland.

The *Observer* was born in 1791, the year of Boswell's *Life of Johnson* and Mozart's *Magic Flute*. Its boast was that it was "unbiased by prejudice ... uninfluenced by party ... whose principle is independence."

The newspaper has had two great editors this century: J. L. Garvin, who between 1905 and 1942 edited a right-wing paper from a villa in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, seldom venturing into the editorial offices, and David Astor, who transformed the paper into a powerful moulder of liberal opinion after he took over in 1948.

Astor recruited some brilliant emigrés from Europe and concentrated much of his fire-power on the end of colonialism in Africa, leading to the quip that the *Observer* was a paper written by East Europeans and read by East Africans. Not all the causes espoused by Astor were as rational or obvious as he made them seem, but he had the conviction vital in any editor that what he believed in was right.

Under his successor, Donald Trelford, who took over in 1975, that conviction has slowly trickled away. Once, the *Observer's* losses were small enough to be financed by the Astor family, but by the 1970s it needed a great corporation. First the American oil company Arco, and then Lonrho, stuck their fingers in the dyke. Neither were ideal owners: Arco, it struck me, had no idea about journalism, and Lonrho had the wrong idea.

The *Observer* lost credibility when Tiny Rowland used it as a vehicle for his feud with the Fayeds after they had beaten him in the takeover battle for the House of Fraser. Nothing was found to replace the old ideals of colonial freedom, East-West détente and leftish liberalism which had served well in their time. When Mrs Thatcher arrived, *The Observer* put its head beneath the blankets and pretended she was an optical illusion — a serious mistake, as it turned out.

Many great journalists have written for the *Observer* in its more than 200 years, and some curious ones: Kim Philby, the century's greatest spy, was a correspondent in Beirut before he disappeared, popping up later in Moscow; George Orwell wrote for the paper at the end of the war.

Amnesty International was launched by an article in the paper, and in 1956 an entire issue was given over to the text of Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin at the 20th party congress. Kenneth Tynan was the drama critic; Vita Sackville-West covered gardening; A. J. Ayer wrote sensitive accounts of Spurs' home games. The book reviews were always fine.

Recent years have been less glorious. If only a glimmer of the *Observer's* fire survived, it was nonetheless possible to believe it might be blown into flame again. Exasperating it may often have been, and economically unsustainable, but it was a paper whose passing (if so it proves) is a great blow to the diversity of Britain's press.

Donald Trelford has outlasted three owners and developed a talent for moving fast and thinking on his feet. But his editorship has been marked by a steady downward trend in sales, and his long survival owes a great deal to a close relationship with Tiny Rowland, whose creature the paper became after its takeover by Lonrho in 1981.

Whereas David Astor's views were always clear-cut, Trelford's have been harder to place. He has seldom written the newspaper's editorials or expressed strong views, unless it be on the selection of the England cricket team.

Trelford enjoys the role of editorship and has clung to it tenaciously. If the *Observer* had been a huge success under his editorship, he would have found it easier to surmount criticism of his private life, which has too often became public. His eye for a pretty girl has always been at least as acute as his nose for a story.

Trelford has been married twice, the second time to Kate Mark. She hails from Guernsey, where the Trelfords were holidaying when rumours of the sale of the paper broke.

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Fine print governs takeover deal

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SPECIAL provisions for newspapers were made in the 1973 Fair Trading Act, which regulates takeovers and sets out the framework under which they should be judged by the government watchdogs on competition.

Newspaper proprietors are required under section 58 of the act to obtain the written consent of the President of the Board of Trade before taking a controlling interest in any newspaper if the circulation of the paper added to the proprietor's existing titles exceeds 500,000 copies a day. Without such consent, a sale is null and void, and anyone involved can be jailed for up to two years.

Consent cannot be given before an enquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC), the arm of the government charged with investigating takeovers. But there is a clause, widely used in recent years as papers have fallen into financial difficulty, allowing the minister to forgo such an enquiry if the paper "is not economic as a going concern" and is therefore an urgent case; or if the paper has sales of less than 25,000 a day.

All newspaper mergers involving the purchase of a viable paper with paid-for circulation of more than 25,000, which includes all but the smallest papers, must go to the MMC before consent is given. Nine times out of ten, in deals involving small local papers, the deal goes through on the nod.

Any purchase that is investigated by the MMC is judged on the strict test of whether it would operate against the public interest, as with any other takeover bid. Therefore it would be up to the commission whether *The Independent* should buy the *Observer* and close it, but the commission could not choose between rival bids, for example from *The Independent* and *The Guardian*. It could only rule against one, leaving the field clear for the other.

CORRECTION

Professor Vijay Kakkar is director of the Thrombosis Research Centre, and not, as incorrectly reported yesterday, director of the National Heart and Lung Institute.

Hunt sparked by girl's call to Samaritans

Police baffled by failure to find family in distress

BY LIN JENKINS

The charity's insistence on complete confidentiality means pleas for help, such as the Acton child's call, can never be traced

POLICE were baffled yesterday by their failure to trace a family after a call to the Samaritans which suggested that a four-year-old girl was watching helplessly while her mother lay bleeding and unconscious on the floor.

Despite liaising with doctors, social workers and health visitors in the area, no family fitting the description had been found last night. An appeal to the public generated a number of suggestions which were being checked.

The call to a woman volunteer began with the sound of sighing and moaning as if someone were in pain. The initial sounds were followed by a loud cry and then silence. The woman heard what she thought was a door opening followed by a child crying: "Mummy, mummy, wake up." The child picked up the telephone when called to it by the volunteer and said: "Mummy is lying on the ground. I can't wake her, she is bleeding."

During the two-hour call the child gave her name as Rachel and twice said that she lived in Acton, west London. She gave her age as four, said she had a baby brother called Michael and that her mother's name was Mary.

Efforts to get her to spell her surname, which she had mumbled incoherently, elicited only the first two letters RI. The volunteer repeatedly asked for her address and telephone number but the child was unable to give it. Traffic noise was clearly audible in the background, suggesting the home was near a main road. The call ended when Rachel cut herself off.

Det Supt Brian Edwards, who is leading the enquiry, spent yesterday liaising with health workers in an effort to trace a family which matched the description.

A spokesman for Scotland Yard said: "We are very concerned for the welfare of the family believed to live in the Acton area and would like to hear from anyone who thinks they know them."

The Samaritans, who run a nationwide telephone helpline, said yesterday that they were unable to discuss the specific telephone call or even confirm or deny that it had taken place. Simon Armson, chief executive, said that the guarantee of confidentiality was one of the guiding principles of the service. For that reason telephone calls could not be discussed and outside agencies, such as the police, were never informed of the content of calls.

"All calls we receive are in absolute confidence. It is the bedrock of the service we provide. It is so people can bring their troubles to us and share them without anyone else ever knowing."

He said other agencies were informed of the contents of a call only if it was required by law, such as in the case of bomb warnings, or where the caller wanted other agencies to be involved.

Mr Armson said calls were never traced to an address. "We do not have that facility and I do not even know if it exists." He would not speculate on whether a call supposedly from a child claiming that her mother would not wake up and was bleeding constituted an express wish for an outside agency to be called in. "Before doing so we would hold a full consultation to see if that was the correct action."

Mr Armson said it was impossible to discuss different scenarios since each case was unique. The service did not make judgments on the authenticity of calls.

"The distress that people feel that causes them to make contact with the Samaritans manifests itself in many different ways, and sometimes it manifests itself by way of elaborate fantasies and it is not our job to decide if they are, but to respond to the caller as they present themselves to us."

A BT spokesman said calls were traced only when a special system was installed for the purpose, such as when customers were receiving obscene calls. It is, however, possible for other calls to be traced at the request of the police.

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MICHAEL POWELL



World strategy: Nigel Short, takes on Garry Kasparov for The Times world title

Chess challenge open to all-comers

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of people in more than 25 countries, including readers of *The Times*, will be able to participate in *The Times* World Chess Championship between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov via a telecommunications network that will allow them to forecast the players' next moves.

Technicians at Teleworld, the competition's co-sponsors, were yesterday refining operational details of the scheme, which will allow participants to see how their strategy matches that of the two players by watching Teletext.

Wytze de Back, vice-president of corporate communications at Teleworld, based in The Netherlands, said the firm was also planning to contact television companies so that details of moves would be accessible where Teletext is not available.

In the run-up to the event, which starts on September 7, people will be able to get a personal identification number. With this, they will be able to call telephone numbers that will link into computers being set up across the globe, and then to a main computer in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, that will record each person's prediction for the next move and beam details of these on to a big screen at the Savoy Theatre, London, where the games will be staged.

Once the actual move has taken place the details will be instantly broadcast back to televisions in people's home and offices.

Mr de Back said chess players often made a rapid series of moves at the start and end of games. It is likely that the system will operate during the middle of games when players are more contemplative.

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A CHILD'S SURVIVAL KIT

PARENTS sometimes forget to teach young children such simple but essential safety information as their full names and addresses, according to Dr Sara Levene, consultant to the Child Accident Prevention Trust (Michael McCarthy writes).

They take it for granted that toddlers know precisely who they are and where they live — sometimes with unfortunate results. "How many times have we heard over a supermarket tannoy that there is a little lost girl in the office wearing a pink T-shirt, but unable to give her name?" Dr Levene said. "That is bad enough in Tesco's, but at least the mother will be in the store. It is much worse, say, in a funfair."

Babies are capable of learning their own names as soon as they can talk — at about two — and parents should make sure that the family name was learnt as well. "It is easy enough to teach it using other family members," Dr Levene said.

Children aged three were capable of learning their full address, but again parents should remember to teach it. Dr Levene said. "If small children can say 'twinkle, twinkle, little star' they can learn the name of their street and number of their house. I don't think parents realise how useful it is. They remember to write names and addresses on their children's clothes if they go somewhere, but not always to teach them to say it."

Telephone numbers, however, were more difficult, especially if there was a long code, Dr Levene said.

When parents teach young children about stranger-danger, they should also try to teach them about people who can help if they are lost, such as those on the checkout tills in supermarkets.

Black youth dies after attack by white gang

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE in southeast London appealed for calm last night after a black youth died when he was attacked by a gang of white youths.

Stephen Laurence, 18, who was studying for his A levels, was attacked and stabbed by four to six white youths at a bus stop in Eltham, southeast London, on Thursday evening. An unnamed friend escaped injury.

The two had just got off a bus from Mottingham and were waiting for a bus to Stephen's home in Plumstead. A racial remark was made to the boys and Stephen was stabbed twice in a fracas. The gang fled while Stephen and his friend ran about 200 yards before Stephen collapsed. He was taken to Brook Hospital, Shooters Hill, but was dead on arrival.

Det Chief Supt Bill Ilsley, who is heading the murder enquiry, said: "It appears to be a racial murder considering the remark that was made to one of the boys." Chief Supt John Philpott appealed for calm in the area for fear of reprisal attacks.

Stephen wanted to train as an architect. His father, Neville, a plasterer, said last night: "I would bring back hanging for something like this. My family is devastated. My son has been killed for no reason."

☐ East London police were last night trying to trace the mother of Bianca Cousens, 4, who was found dead by firemen called to a house fire. Police were anxious to speak to *Susan Cousens, 31, and there* were fears about her safety.

Bianca's body was found after a woman reported a house fire. Det Supt Gavin Robertson said: "We are looking at a suspicious death." A post mortem examination was inconclusive.

Waco dole enquiry begins

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

AN enquiry was launched yesterday into claims that social security benefits were paid fraudulently to Britons in the Branch Davidian cult compound in Waco, Texas.

Social security officials are likely to concentrate their investigations on whether payments were claimed in Britain in the name of those living in Waco, with money then being forwarded to Texas. They were sceptical that income support and unemployment benefit could have been paid directly, as claimants cannot be paid abroad.

British survivors of the fire which engulfed the compound are reported to have told American officials that they received unemployment benefit while with David Koresh, the cult leader.

Reports from Waco suggested that thousands of pounds worth of benefits had been sent to the cult during the 51 days during which members barricaded themselves in the compound. One British survivor allegedly told FBI agents that she had received £113 a week in unemployment benefit, child support and disability payments.

Social security officials said that income support and unemployment benefit are not payable to people visiting America; disability and child benefit payments can be paid to those temporarily abroad.

A department spokesman said that the allegations would be "treated seriously and fully investigated".

In a letter to Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, Donald Dewar, his Labour shadow, demanded an explanation about investigations into the claims. "The whole affair raises serious questions about how the social security department is being run," he said.

Mr Lilley has introduced initiatives to reduce drastically the amount of benefit fraud in Britain and has concentrated on the claiming of unemployment benefit by people who are not actively seeking work. He said that last year £427 million had been saved as a result of a purge on the "something for nothing" culture. A target of £460 million has been set for 1992-3.

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Gun-shy dog bags £4,000

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN IRISH court has awarded damages to the owner of a dog that suffered psychological trauma and a personality change as a result of a car crash. In a decision which canine experts in Britain and Ireland say is unprecedented, a judge awarded the man £4,000 for the loss of services of his gundog.

The dog in question is La Fanta Abba, a champion English setter bitch which, according to evidence before Waterford Circuit Court this week, was worth about £5,000 before it was involved in the accident. The court was told that John Geoghegan, of Cappoquin, co. Waterford, was driving with the dog in the back of his car when he collided with Patrick Hallinan, of Clonmel, who had been drinking to celebrate his grandfather's ninety-ninth birthday.

According to counsel for Mr Geoghegan, the dog underwent a significant personality change after the accident. From being an "outstanding" example of its breed in character and hunting style, it had become gun-shy and would run away in terror every time it heard the noise of a car engine.

Judge Sheridan acknowledged that this was an "unusual" case which was the cause of some amusement in court, but accepted the arguments presented on behalf of Mr Geoghegan. Finding Mr Hallinan at fault, he awarded Mr Geoghegan £4,000 for whiplash injuries and a further £4,000 for the loss of the services of his dog.

Yesterday Mr Geoghegan, a delivery driver, was unavailable for comment. His son confirmed that the dog did not appear in court.

The Irish Kennel Club said it had never heard of such a case before. The Kennel Club in Britain said the decision was a significant one, which it warmly welcomed. Brian Leonard, manager of information services, said that £4,000 was a reasonable price as compensation for the loss of the skills and breeding potential of a trained pedigree champion gundog. He pointed out that a chihuahua with no special skills had recently been sold for £6,000.

Mr Leonard said that dog owners were increasingly resorting to the law for compensation. It was now common for damages to be awarded against a breeder if a pedigree dog turned out to have a hereditary personality defect.

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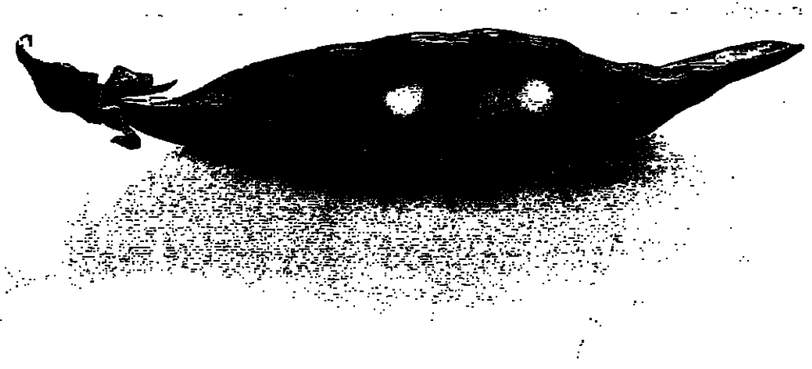
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Doctors warn that TB could kill 30m in next ten years

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE World Health Organisation yesterday declared tuberculosis a global emergency and warned that the disease will kill 30 million people in the next ten years unless immediate action is taken.

Control programmes have collapsed and drug-resistant strains of TB are on the increase. Aids has allowed a disease once believed to be safely under control to flourish, because victims are susceptible to infection.

A third of the world's population carries the TB germ and it is the greatest single cause of death by infection, according to a statement yesterday from the advisory board of the WHO's tuberculosis programme, which was meeting in London.

"Outbreaks of the disease are increasing," it said. "World leaders must understand that the spread of TB within their borders is possible, dangerous, and costly."

Professor Richard Feachem, Dean of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a member of the advisory board, said TB control programmes in many parts of the world were "neglected and falling into disrepair". Although the BCG vaccine provided protection in Britain and other developed countries, it was ineffective in Africa and in southern India for reasons that were not fully understood.

Drug treatment is available, and works well, but needs to be taken for at least three months. Failure to complete the course allows the TB bacillus to coexist with low levels of the drug, leading to drug resistance. In some places, including New York, the germ is resistant to many drugs, making control much harder.

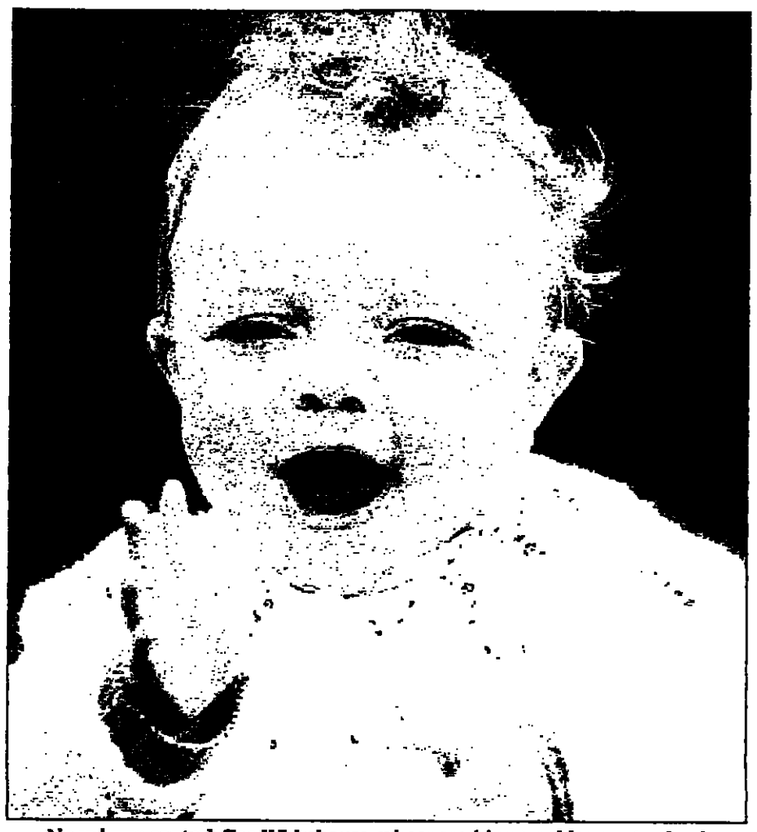
TB is uncommon in Britain, with about 5,500 new cases a year, but the long-term decline in the number of victims has halted. In Italy, TB increased by 28 per cent between 1988 and 1990, and in Switzerland the rise was 33 per cent between 1986 and 1990. But most new cases, and 95 per cent of the deaths, occur in developing countries.

More than 75 per cent of the deaths are in adults. "Parents and breadwinners," said Professor Feachem, "so the economic and social costs are very high."

Richard Bumgarner of the WHO said that tuberculosis was killing 9,000 people a day, yet a course of drugs costing no more than $30 to $50 was enough to save a life. The advisory board called for the WHO's TB programme to be given a higher priority, with funding increased by 60 per cent to $20 million for the next two years. The WHO spends $80 million a year on Aids, which claims far fewer victims.

Dr Arati Kochi, manager of the TB programme, said: "Modern transportation, increasing global business travel and migration, and refugees from wars and famines will ensure that TB continues to spread. The disease, preventable and treatable, has been grossly neglected and no country is immune to it."

The WHO statement yesterday followed a three-day conference on tuberculosis at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, at which the reasons for the growth of the disease were discussed. Earlier this week the British drug company Glaxo announced a five-year, £10 million programme to develop new treatments for the disease in collaboration with university researchers.



No volume control: Zoe Whitehouse, whose teething troubles are too loud

Baby's cries earn pollution rebuke

BY RICHARD DUCE

ZOE Whitehouse is a little young to appreciate that she has been branded a noise nuisance by the council. At eight months old she must learn to stop crying or she could land her mother with a £5,000 fine.

Following complaints from a neighbour that Zoe is crying excessively, Cannock Chase district council, Staffordshire, has written to Jackie Whitehouse, her mother, warning her that she could be fined under Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 unless the noise stops.

Mrs Whitehouse has also been cautioned about the noise of her husband's radio alarm going off early in the morning to wake him for work. She said yesterday: "I've told the council that we can turn down the radio but unfortunately Zoe hasn't got a volume control. Anyone with any sense knows how hard it is to get a baby to sleep when it's teething and nobody has tried harder than me to try to comfort Zoe so she'll be quiet."

The council said yesterday that it had a statutory obligation to send out the letter which listed "alleged nuisance from loud music and screaming baby" to Mrs Whitehouse following the complaint and a visit by a pollution control officer to her home in Cannock.

Karen Sulway, Cannock's environmental health manager, said the council had never before served notice of a crying child as cause for complaint. "The baby's crying does not constitute noise pollution in its own right, but if it is linked to the music it becomes pollution."

A spokeswoman for the environment department said: "It is certainly the first time I have heard of a case of a screaming baby because it seems so natural."

The Institution of Environmental Health Officers said that in the first year of the Environment Protection Act there were 88,263 complaints of domestic noise pollution, most of which were resolved informally. Only 250 cases came before the courts, resulting in 215 convictions.

'Gas chamber' JP jailed for 9 years

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

CRANOG JONES, the magistrate convicted of trying to murder his sleeping wife with a home-made gas chamber, was sentenced to nine years in prison yesterday.

Judge Hill told him at Winchester Crown Court: "This is one of the most serious offences in the calendar as you, as a justice of the peace, must know." Jones, 44, designed a wooden box like a diver's helmet which he planned to place over the head of his sleeping wife at their home in Brockhampton, Gloucestershire, in the early hours of December 7, 1991.

The box was attached to flexible piping which entered the bedroom through a hole he had drilled in the wall and, at the other end, was connected to the exhaust of his first wife Margaret's Ford Fiesta in the garage. But Mrs Jones, 43, was awoken by the noise of the running engine and foiled his plan to poison her and fake her suicide in the car.

The judge said: "It was to be a death without any sign of physical injuries, capable of giving the appearance of suicide." He added that the motive was that Jones loved another woman, the divorce from his wife was not finalised and questions over the matrimonial home and financial arrangements had still to be decided. "Had you succeeded in your plan all that would have been plain sailing."

The judge said Jones's method was ingenious and well-prepared, and that he had then gone a long way towards covering his tracks in disposing of the apparatus.

Jones, head of education and training at Smiths Industries, the Cheltenham defence company, remarried in July last year while on police bail. He married his first wife in 1972 and they had three children. Jones was suspended as a magistrate on the Cheltenham bench when the allegations came to light.

The Lord Chancellor's department said yesterday that Jones remained a justice of the peace. No decision on his future would be taken until he had decided whether to appeal against conviction.

"The general policy of the Lord Chancellor is to dismiss a magistrate who has been convicted of a serious offence," the department said. "But we cannot make a decision on this case at the moment."



Jones: planned to fake wife's suicide in her car

Police 'waste' £1.5bn on management pay

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE forces spend a quarter of the annual £6 billion policing bill on top-heavy, wasteful and inflexible management, according to a study for the Home Office enquiry on police pay, ranks and responsibilities.

The study, released yesterday, shows the annual cost of the ranks from sergeant to chief constable is £1.5 billion. Recommendations in the study for streamlining managements and giving junior officers more responsibility are likely to give ammunition to supporters of cuts in the current nine police ranks.

The research shows that, in some forces, the cost of the supervising ranks is 60 per cent of the bill for all constables. In others, the figure is as low as 35 per cent.

The research was prepared by Ernst and Young, the accountancy and management consultants. A series of recommendations will be studied by Sir Patrick Sheehy, who is heading the enquiry, and his team. They are due to report to Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, within a month with proposals expected to include a big overhaul of police management. An earlier report by the firm has raised questions about middle management in the police. This has been challenged by representatives of the superintendents, who have submitted new evidence to the enquiry.

The latest report uses previously unpublished Home Office data and a survey based on five forces. It shows the spread of command is often very narrow. There was one chief superintendent for three superintendents; 1.5 chief inspectors per superintendent; 2.9 inspectors for each chief inspector; 2.9 sergeants for each inspector and 4.8 constables per sergeant.

The force with the cheapest management costs set against the number of constables was the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the second biggest in the UK. The most expensive was the City of London, the smallest.

The report suggests that the tiers of management should be reduced so that there are self-contained areas reporting to headquarters without any intermediate level. Larger operational units could make savings and more civilian staff would reduce costs.

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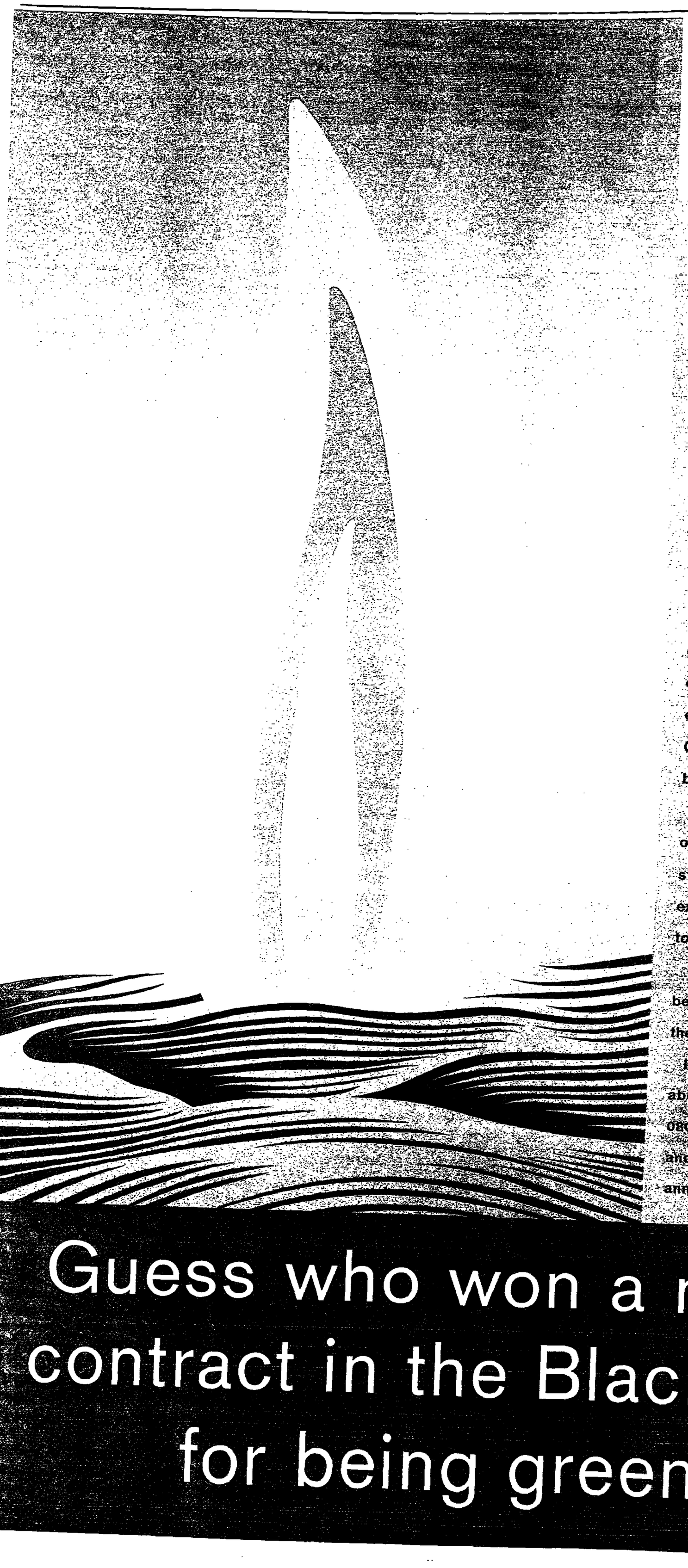
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Schools to be 'fined' £2,000 for every pupil they expel

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

THE government moved yesterday to curb the soaring rate of pupil expulsions as official figures showed an increase of almost a third in state schools last year.

Schools will lose funding for each pupil they exclude, an average of about £2,225 in secondary schools, under measures proposed by Eric Forth, the junior education minister. Local education authorities will be placed under a legal duty to secure the pupil's future education.

The proposals comes amid fears of the creation of an underclass of teenagers receiving little or no formal education. The number of permanent expulsions rose from 2,910 in the 1990-1 academic year to 3,833 in 1991-2.

Critics said the figures, published yesterday, were an indictment of the government's market-led approach to education, because schools were expelling troublesome pupils who threatened to drag down their performance in the national examination league tables.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "The league tables give schools an active incentive to kick out pupils who might pull down their performance."

A report by the Office for Standards in Education recently called for new guidelines to reduce the variation in punishments handed out by head teachers and governors to pupils who committed similar offences. It also said that expelled pupils were poorly served by special units for them.

Mr Forth said the education bill, now in the House of Lords, was being amended to regulate the way such units were managed to ensure that children received an effective education.

He said: "At best, these children are being denied, or are denying themselves, the full opportunities offered to their peers in school. At worst, those who truant or are excluded may be drifting into a life of juvenile crime."

Further amendments to the bill would allow funding to follow each expelled pupil, being paid to the unit or other school they attended, and lay down strict time limits on exclusion procedures. Schools would be stopped from excluding pupils indefinitely and forced to suspend them for a set period or expel them.

The education department plans to publish guidance telling schools that exclusion is a weapon of last resort. It will also urge teachers to develop strategies for the early identification of disruptive pupils.

Government research for 1991-2 found that 15 was the peak age for exclusions. Boys were five times more likely than girls to be ordered out of school.

Afro-Caribbean children had a greater level of exclusions, accounting for more than 8.5 per cent in spite of making up only 2 per cent of pupils. Primary schools were responsible for 14 per cent of exclusions.

Where information was provided, 45 per cent of expelled children were receiving home tuition, 30 per cent were at another mainstream school, 19 per cent were in units and 6 per cent were in special schools. But there were often lengthy delays in securing alternative provision.

Mr McAvoy said: "It is no good telling local education authorities to pick up the pieces while, at the same time, depriving them of the power to get children back in mainstream education by giving school governors control over admissions.

"The government must ensure that education support services are financed properly to help prevent children being expelled in the first place and stop thousands slipping through the net."

The education department said the increase in the figures could be explained by schools filling in their forms more efficiently in the second year of the research project into exclusions.



Forth: "children may drift into crime"

Ecologists box clever to save the red squirrel

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A FRESH strategy aimed at saving Britain's red squirrel from almost certain extinction has been devised by forestry commission researchers. The plan, which is expected to be tested at 100 sites, involves deploying two kinds of boxes in an area where the rival grey species is in direct competition for food and habitat.

One of the boxes feeds reds and the other poisons greys. It is believed that the two-pronged approach could tip the balance in favour of the red squirrel in areas such as Thetford Forest and parts of North Wales, where relic populations are clinging on.

Several attempts have been made in recent years to halt the spread of the grey squirrel, an alien species imported from North America, but they have failed. Various theories have been suggested which have attempted to explain the demise of the red squirrel.

These have included claims that red squirrels are less fertile than the greys and that greys are more aggressive, attacking red squirrels in shared habitats and driving them out. New research by British biologists has confirmed that the decline of the reds can be almost entirely linked to diet — an exclusive diet of acorns is poisonous to red squirrels, whereas greys thrive on the food.

Grey squirrels have a special enzyme in their digestive systems which allows them to digest polyphenols, commonly known as tannins, which are contained in acorns. At the same time hazel nuts, a food which the red squirrel can digest and which they eat when ripe, are being consumed by the greys before they mature.

The findings by Dr Roger Kenward of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology and Dr Jessica Holm of the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, in Egham, Surrey, are published in the latest *Proceedings of the Royal Society*.

Harry Pepper, wildlife and conservation researcher at the commission's Alice Holt station in Farnham, Surrey, described the new strategy as a powerful new weapon. Mr Pepper and his team are waiting for permission from the agriculture ministry for pilot trials.

A change in the law is also being sought by the commission which would allow widespread deployment of the strategy. Under existing legislation, enacted in 1973, approval for the use of poisons to control greys can be secured only in areas where they have taken complete control.

The new poison box has a weighted door which is heavy enough for the bigger grey squirrel to push open but too heavy for the smaller red squirrel.



WEEKEND WATCH

Supermarkets give pork price the chop

BY JAMES LANDALE

A PLENTIFUL supply of pork has led to supermarkets reducing their prices this week with around 20p off per pound of most cuts of meat.

Asda fresh pork chops are 20p down at £1.39/lb, as are pork steaks at £1.74/lb. Fresh pork leg is 30p less at £1.19/lb. Gateway has also cut its pork prices: 30p off fresh British pork boneless shoulder roast to £1.09/lb and 30p off fresh British pork bone-in spare rib chops to £1.59/lb.

Waitrose's English farmhouse pork boneless leg joints are down 50p to £1.79/lb. Prepacked British pork chops are down 10p to £1.39/lb. Iceland, the frozen food chain, has taken £1 off boneless pork leg to £2.99 for 1lb 14oz.

Sainsbury's has cut 30p/lb off fresh pork sausages as well as reducing their frozen economy sausages by 40p to £1.19/lb. New season lamb leg is beginning to grace the supermarket shelves and is down 40p at £2.98/lb. At Safeway, there is a 24p saving on fresh home-produced braising steak at £1.88/lb. Scottish cooked ham is 59p/quarter, a 20p discount.

Healthy fish stocks mean prices have settled. Turbot is one of the best buys with a small whole fish available for about £4/lb. Sardines can be purchased for about £2/lb. Dover sole prices are down — a small slip sole costs about £3/lb. Potatoes are the best vegetable buy of the week, with lots of varieties to choose from. English stocks are all reasonably priced at 10p to 24p/lb.

Cyprus, Jaffa and Florida grapefruits are worth seeking out, as are English Bramley apples at 29p to 35p/lb. Dutch and English tomatoes are about 70p/lb. English spring onions are cheap at 30p to 35p a bunch, as are radishes at 25p to 30p.

Supermarket best buys:

☐ **Asda:** Golden Delicious apples, 99p/3lb pack: Canteloupe melons, £1.19 each: fresh medium chicken, 59p/lb;

☐ **Gateway:** Richmond Irish thick sausage, £1.39/454g; loose bananas, 38p/lb; cherry tomatoes, 99p a pack;

☐ **Iceland:** (frozen food packs) Variety cocktail sausages, £1.39 for 45; potato croquettes, 79p/2lbs; carved lamb joint, £1.99 for 12oz.

☐ **Sainsbury's:** Strawberries, 68p for 227g; West country farmhouse cheddar, £1.99 for 16oz; fresh cod fillet £1.98/lb; loose courgettes, 60p/lb.

☐ **Tesco:** fresh lamb kidney, £1.99/lb; whole lemon sole, £2.99/lb; loose galia melons, £1.49 each; new season fresh cucumbers, 35p each.

☐ **Waitrose:** Peeled north Atlantic prawns, £3.99/lb; baby new potatoes, 99p/500g; haddock fillets, £2.19/lb; gourmet tomatoes, 79p for eight.

M-way trouble spots

BY PETER VICTOR

THE AA recommends that motorists avoid several motorway trouble spots this weekend. The M1 northbound has restrictions between junctions 18 and 19 in Leicestershire. In Derbyshire there is a contraflow between junctions 28 and 29.

There are contraflows with 50mph speed limits on the M4 in Berkshire between junction 4B and 5 (M25/-Langley). A contraflow between junction 41 and 42 in West Glamorgan means traffic is limited to 40mph. Delays will occur because of lane closures both ways between junctions 24 and 26.

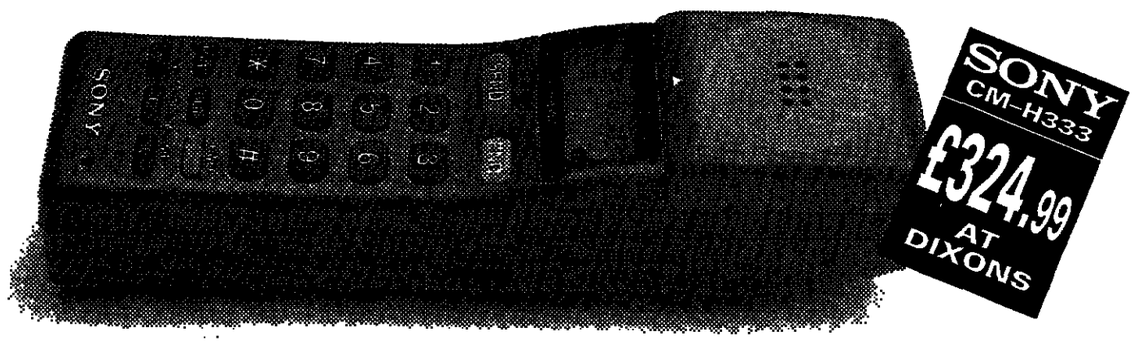
The M5 in Hereford/-Worcester has lane restrictions between junctions 6 and 8. In Devon there is a contraflow between junctions 28 and 27. Southbound lane closures and a 50mph limit between junctions 38 and 37 are affecting traffic on the M6 in Cumbria. The M20 in Kent has contraflows between junctions 5 and 8. The A20 in Kent has contraflows at Folkestone. Long delays are expected on the M25 in Buckinghamshire because of contraflows between junctions 15 and 16 (M4/M40).

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Catholics insist on full integration for Anglicans

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

■ Permission for parish churches to switch to Rome *en bloc*, in protest at women's ordination, will be only temporary

ANGLICANS aiming to join the Roman Catholic Church over the issue of women priests must be prepared for "eventual total integration", Catholic bishops of England and Wales said yesterday.

In a move which will fall short of the hopes of some Anglo-Catholics but goes much further than others had predicted, the 39 bishops ruled out an Anglican rite church or conditional re-ordination of Anglican priests.

As a transitional measure only, groups might be able to convert and remain as a worshipping congregation with their own clergyman as he follows his own path to Rome. But after their four-day meeting this week, the bishops insisted there could be no compromise on the Roman Catholic refusal to recognise the validity of Anglican orders.

Anglican clergy who wish to become Catholic priests will have to undergo an "absolute ordination", Cardinal Hume said. But he did not negate the value of their ministry as Anglican clergy.

The bishops were surprisingly encouraging to those who wish to go over *en bloc*. "For those who may approach us as a group, we envisage the possibility of some temporary pastoral arrangements which will help them, after their reception, to become fully integrated into the local Catholic community."

The bishops are anxious to avoid further schism in the churches in England and any hope of an Anglican version of Catholicism running alongside Roman Catholicism but outside the Church of England must be abandoned.

In a joint statement, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Dr George Carey and Dr John Habgood, said: "We share the concern of the Roman Catholic bishops as pastors that provision should be made for those who cannot accept the decision of the general synod that women should be ordained." But the Right Rev Richard Harries, Anglican Bishop of Oxford, predicted disappointment. "This is a real douche of cold water from Rome."

While congregations and their clergy might be allowed to convert and stay together as a pastoral unit, the Catholic bishops hope their children and future generations will attend the Roman Catholic church up the road.

Cardinal Hume said prime importance had been given to maintaining good relations with the Anglicans. "We take no pleasure at all in the prospect of a weakened Church of England." He said the bishops had recognised there were many Anglicans who were "troubled in conscience".

He added: "To those who, with conscience, are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church, I say welcome. To our Catholic community, I say be big hearted."

Cardinal Hume said the Catholic Church might be willing to consider elements of Anglican liturgy, such as its matins and evensong services. But there could be no compromise on the eucharistic liturgy, and Anglican converts would have to accept wholly the authority of the Pope.

Congregations who wished to convert and take their clergyman with them would have to do so individually. Their clergyman would be, in effect, their chaplain, until he had gone through the longer process of training for the Catholic priesthood. The normal time for progressing from Anglican to Catholic orders is two years but this could be shortened in special cases.

Each married clergyman would need a dispensation from Rome to rescind his clerical celibacy before he could enter the Catholic priesthood. So far, no married Anglican clergy have become parish priests in England. Most of the handful of married clergy who have converted previously have found work as chaplains.

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GEOFF ROBINSON



Cash flow: the Rev. George Pattison, left, dean of King's, and Professor Patrick Bateson, the provost, yesterday

King's College will charge admission

By John Shaw

KING'S College, Cambridge, whose celebrated medieval chapel is one of the best known tourist sights in Britain, is to introduce admission charges.

The college, which was founded in 1414, has a million visitors a year who have enjoyed free admission to the grounds and chapel. It was announced yesterday that from July 14, for a trial four months, adults will pay £2 and children over 12, £1. Groups of ten or more will pay £1.50 each and children under 12 will be admitted free.

There will be no charge for people attending Sunday services. Local people will be able to apply for free passes. The admission scheme has cost £70,000 to set up and is expected to bring in £25,000 in the four months.

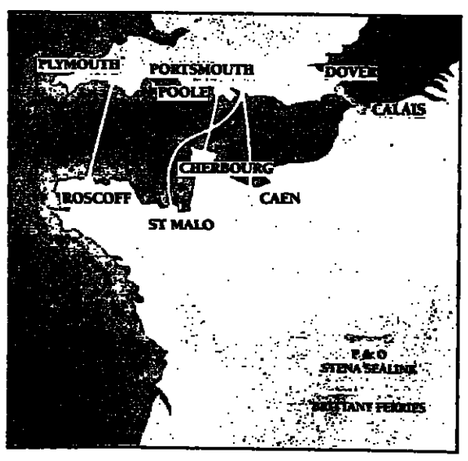
King's has been overwhelmed by summer tourists in recent years and the project is intended to regulate numbers and make visits "a more pleasurable experience for tourists," Dr Nick Bullock, the vice-provost, said. He added: "It also became evident that such a scheme was necessary in order to enable us to preserve the college grounds and buildings and ensure that the real business of King's, scholarly research and learning, was not frustrated."

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Beware the false idol of tradition

Mary Grey

I think with horror of the iconoclastic movements of history, whether the smashing of the sacred icons of Constantinople in the 9th century, or the statues of medieval cathedrals in the 16th, but we certainly need some kind of iconoclasm today. Or rather, we need an idol-breaking, and not an icon-breaking, movement.

The icons of the Christian church are in danger of becoming idols in at least three ways. In the current situation, when many of the Anglican clergy are looking to the Roman Catholic Church for "safe havens", we are on the way into making tradition into an idol. Tradition is neither a priceless heirloom to be preserved at all costs, nor an iceberg whose hidden depths threaten us. A living, organically growing tradition is better expressed by the image of the Irish Vale of Avoca, the Meeting of the Waters, where streams and currents encounter each other in a mutually-enriching swirl of energy, continually in touch with life-giving sources.

Authority is fast becoming an idol. The pain of the Anglican clergy who feel that the authority of the church in its universality is compromised by the ordination of women has attained a prominence which totally eclipses the pain of the women whose ministry is being rejected.

Apparently, this merits little concern. A solution is sought in looking to the Catholic Church where, it is assumed, authority is safely centralised and hierarchicalised, where the ordination of women is hardly likely to become a troubling issue.

This totally ignores those of us within the Catholic Church inspired by a different notion of authority, a dynamic notion which respects the experience and wisdom of baptised and committed lay women and men, the dignity and fullness of the local and regional church, the discernment of the grassroots experience of those living out Christian witness in the street, under the bridges, in the despair of the ravaged cities.

Finally, "ministry" and "church" themselves are in danger of becoming idols. The saying that "Jesus came to proclaim the kingdom, but what happened was the church", sums this up. Preserving a centralised notion of church at all costs risks not only shaking the gospel foundations, but losing them completely. For ministry, priesthood and church exist to change the world, to transform its brokenheartedness by the Easter message of redeeming hope. It is the very authenticity of gospel radicality which enables Christianity to grow organically in response to new situations, providing its own check against idolatry.

Refusal to allow tradition, authority and church to become idols might cause the scales to fall from our eyes, enabling us to see that the ministry of women is already a hidden treasure of tradition, albeit in the form of hidden streams. Take, for example, Mary Magdalen, who proclaimed the Resurrection; Hilda of Whitby who convened a synod; Julian of Norwich who was a mystic and spiritual counsellor; and Mary Ward, religious sister and pioneer in the education of poor girls. Then there were the women leaders of evangelical movements and the more recent founders of prison ministry and the hospice movement.

Through these streams, tradition becomes those memories of Christian foundation which nourish and inspire the transformation of contemporary culture. If we revitalise our structures of ministry by being energised in these strands, we have far more hope of stemming the rising tide of violence in our world.

☐ *Mary Grey is professor of contemporary theology at Santa Union College, Southampton University, from May 1.*

Industrial secrets for sale.

The Economist

Recovery hopes end hands-off tradition of Thatcher years

Major promises 'heart and soul' aid for manufacturers

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major last night signalled another critical break with the Thatcher era by promising to back manufacturing industry "heart and soul" in his efforts to build lasting economic recovery.

Only 24 hours after enraging Tory Euro-sceptics with the most ardently pro-European speech since the early days of his embattled premiership, the prime minister took another step towards reasserting authority over his party. He made plain that he was abandoning the "hands-off" approach to manufacturing of the eighties and the devotion to the service sector. Instead, he wants a partnership with industry similar to that found in many continental countries.

Using vivid rhetoric to illustrate the government's conversion to the importance of making things, Mr Major said that improving competitiveness was the key to expanding a manufacturing base that, in common with most other industrialised countries, had been shrinking as a proportion of the national output.

A stronger manufacturing sector was also vital to ensure that the recovery was export-led and did not degenerate into a short-lived consumer boom.

At a meeting with Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Mr Major said: "Let me make it clear. The government has a duty to work with industry to help it meet the challenge. Not Whitehall picking winners; the winners picking themselves and government helping them heart and soul."

His rejection of direct government support for businesses marked out his main difference from Labour, which would help industry by take a temporary stake in big firms, such as Leyland DAF, when they ran into trouble.

"Everything we do has to be supportive of you ... Winning back lost markets is the only long-term policy for British industry, for the whole economy. And manufacturing is the soldier in the front line of that struggle.

"If the recovery is to last and prosperity to grow, we have to win and continue to win right across the market place. Vital though services are to our prosperity, we cannot depend on them alone. We need a vibrant, thriving manufacturing base."

Mr Major's remarks will be seen by Conservative MPs as further evidence that he is determined to capitalise on the long-awaited economic upturn by offering more assertive leadership.

His speech offered little in the form of new policy moves, however. Instead he referred to a series of measures in recent months to rebut Labour's claim that the government lacks an industrial policy, such as restrictions on public spending growth to allow lower taxes on business profits, in the hope of releasing more money for investment.

Mr Major sought to dispel some of the gloom surrounding British industry by trumpeting its export successes. He said exports were worth £400 per person more than the Japanese and "we lead the pack" in sectors such as financial services and power generation. Ministers were doing all they could to unlock new markets abroad, he added.

The prime minister linked his support for the Maastricht treaty with his efforts to expand manufacturing, saying that the treaty "opens the way to the sort of Community we want: taking that essential step away from centralisation, we gain the benefits of the single market without the drawbacks".

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Lord Tebbit: ask British people for their opinion

Tebbit ready for Lords Euro-battle

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Tebbit yesterday rejected John Major's claim that the Maastricht treaty hands power back to nation states and vowed to take the battle for a referendum to the Lords.

As the prime minister again presented the treaty as a decentralising measure, Lord Tebbit insisted that its objective was to create a European super-state. Prominent Tory Euro-sceptics deplored Mr Major's attack on them.

"This sort of language will not make it easier to get over the bruising we have had over the past 6 to 12 months. It alienates rather than binds together," James Cran, MP for Beverley, said.

In Manchester last night, Mr Major said that the treaty opened the way "to the sort of Community we want: taking that essential step away from centralisation, we gain the benefits of the single market without the drawbacks".

But in a BBC radio interview, Lord Tebbit said: "The treaty is a treaty of union. It is a political treaty to create fundamentally a European super-state. The 11 other member countries say that is what it is. It is only our government that says it is a move away from that." Lord Tebbit refused to accept the Euro-sceptics were beaten, despite the government's success in the Commons committee stage and winning a majority against a referendum. Battle would be joined in the Lords before long, he said.

"We may indeed be able to require that there should be a referendum before the treaty is ratified," Lord Tebbit said. "The British people should be asked their opinion. They have not had a chance to express their opinion yet."

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, applauded the sentiments in Mr Major's overtly pro-European speech on Thursday night, welcoming him "back on board on Europe". It was a pity Mr Major had "lacked the courage" to spell out the advantages of closer European integration.

The challenge is to match his "fine words" and scrap the single currency and social chapter opt-outs. "How can we be at the heart of Europe, when Mr Major's opt-outs have put us on the sidelines?" Lord Tebbit asked.

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Press curb bill misses deadline

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE campaign to tighten regulation of the press was defeated by time in the Commons yesterday amid claims that the government had blocked legislation.

The freedom and responsibility of the press bill, which included a statutory right to have newspaper inaccuracies corrected, was introduced by Clive Soley, the Labour MP for Hammersmith, who accused the government of "going to great lengths to prevent important legislation being passed".

Mr Soley's private member's bill, which received overwhelming support when it had its second reading in the Commons in January, was due for report stage in the Commons. But because a number of Tory MPs spent a long time debating an earlier private member's bill, there was insufficient time for Mr Soley's bill to complete its progress.

The government has consistently opposed the bill, preferring to consider the Calcutt report's recommendations for control of the press. Mr Soley claimed that Tory business managers had written to the party's MPs to ensure that debate on an earlier bill yesterday lasted so long that his measure would be "talked out" of Commons time.

Lilley is accused of benefits plot

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR yesterday accused Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, and senior officials in his department of plotting to save money instead of eradicating poverty.

Mr Lilley is today meeting fellow ministers in his department and their advisers to discuss options for the future of the benefits system.

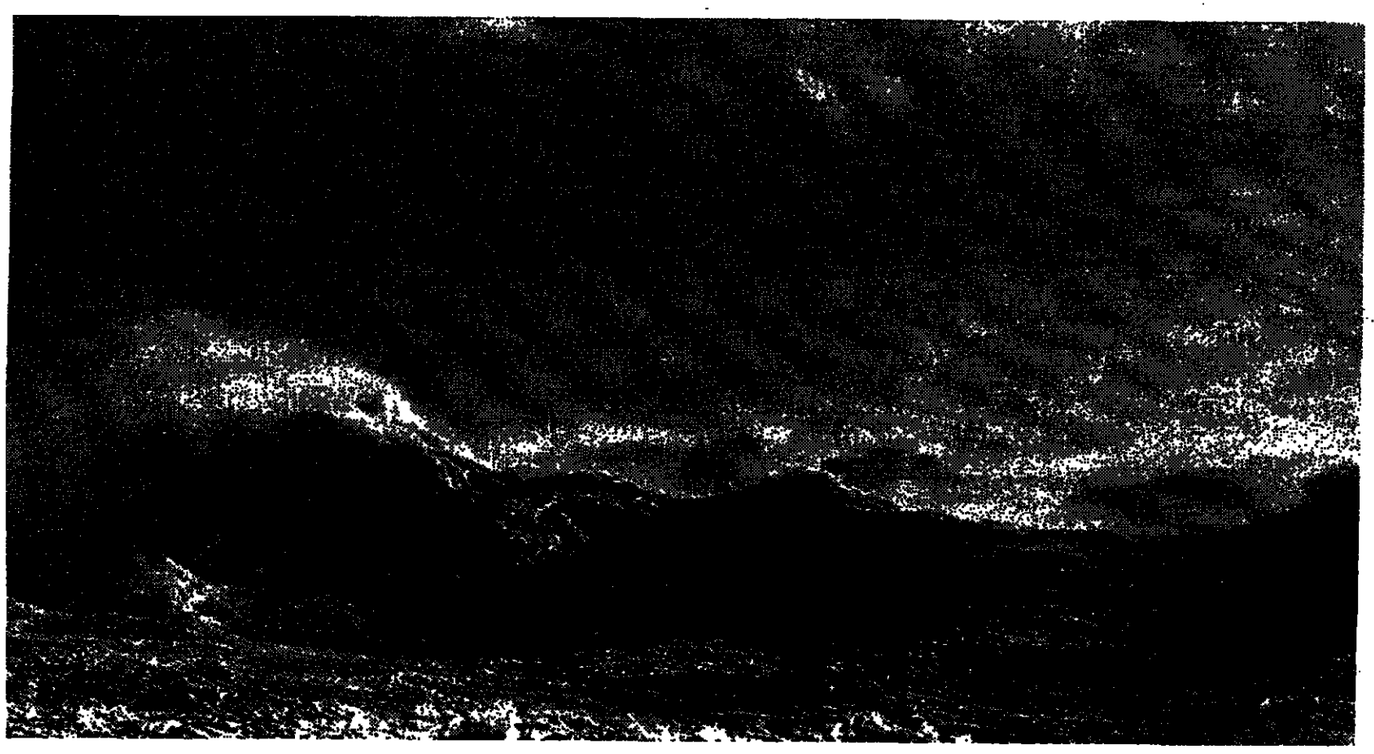
Although the discussions are taking place at Chevening, Norman Lamont's official country home, the government says that the Treasury is not involved in the talks.

However, Donald Dewar, the shadow social security secretary, said that the meeting marked an "ominous" step for the future of the welfare state. "They will no doubt pursue the government's new hobby horse of contracting out from basic state benefits. This will not make the problems disappear, it will merely shift them around."

The Chevening discussions are said to involve policies that would not come before parliament for at least two years, with some ground plans possibly being laid for the Conservative's next general election manifesto.

Pressure is mounting on the department to make savings in the £79 billion a year benefits system.

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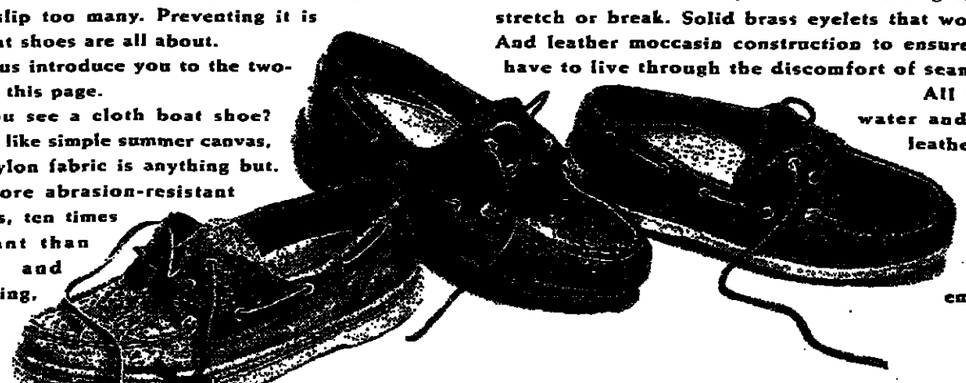
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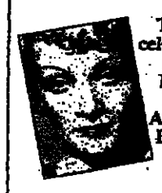
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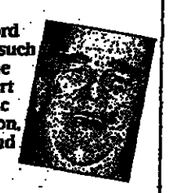
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Richards: protest over Justice Department

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WACO

THE investigation into the fire at the Branch Davidian compound near here which left 86 cult members dead has become enmeshed in mutual blame-throwing, squabbling between government agencies and a lingering political fall-out from a tragedy which still offers far more questions than answers.

Ever since fire broke out after FBI agents assaulted the compound using battering rams on armoured vehicles which pumped tear gas into the buildings, the American government's explanations have been confused, contradictory and inept.

In the course of last week officials struggled in vain to find a coherent rationale for what happened, against a mounting wave of public criticism which could have damaging long-term consequences for the Clinton administration.

The latest example of the confusion came on Thursday when pathologists at the site of the fire said there was "absolutely no evidence that any cult members died of gunshot wounds", contradicting statements made earlier by the Justice Department which had implied cult members had either shot themselves or each other to prevent waverers from escaping as the fire broke out.

To most observers it seems only too obvious why the government might want it to be believed that the cult members had killed each other in a last, murderous frenzy. Ever since the FBI tanks crashed into the compound, officials have sought to put a positive "spin" on the events, heaping blame on David Koresh, the cult leader, in an effort to avoid it themselves.

Janet Reno, the attorney-general, and President Clinton insisted that mounting evidence of child abuse, one of the most emotive issues in American society, had prompted the decision to end the stand-off with new, more aggressive tactics. The FBI, however, denied that there was any evidence to show that child abuse had continued, let alone increased after the initial raid on the compound on February 28. If, as the White House claimed, there were "mountains of evidence" to prove systematic and increasing child abuse after the siege started, no one in the FBI, the sheriff's department or the media had ever seen it.

Although Miss Reno insisted subsequently that if she had felt there was a danger of mass suicide she would never have authorised the assault, the FBI admitted that from the outset the self-destructive tendencies of the group were apparent and well-known.

Increasingly it appears that the gas assault on the compound may have been prompted by a combination of frustration and arrogance on the part of the FBI, which had seen its top hostage team tied up fruitlessly for seven weeks. Jeff Jamar, the special agent in command of the operation, told *The New York Times*: "Too much talent was simply being used to stand around and guard the place."

The reason for the confusion and contradictions is partly political: state investigators at the scene are plainly irked that Washington officials should undermine them by issuing statements apparently based more on wishful thinking than information.

Ann Richards, the Texas governor, contacted the attorney-general on Wednesday, officially to ensure harmony between the various state and federal agencies, but more probably to ask Miss Reno to ensure that the Justice Department did not interfere further with the investigation.

Some FBI officials, meanwhile, appear to be relishing the opportunity to wrong-foot the administration, particularly given the tense relations between William Sessions, the FBI director, and the White House. Many agents felt that President Clinton was not sufficiently forthright in his support of the bureau's actions. Pointing up the discrepancies in the government's account may be one way for the notoriously right-leaning bureau to exact some revenge.

President Clinton has not emerged well from the Mount Carmel tragedy, at least in the minds of many Texans and most of the FBI. Neither emphatically supportive of the FBI's actions, nor overtly critical, he appeared to be caught in the middle by accepting responsibility but not the blame for what was done (a strangely Nixonian stance) and meanwhile clearly indicating that if a scapegoat was required the world might look to Miss Reno.

"I don't think we're going to achieve very much by trying to point fingers at people," Phil Gramm, a Texas senator, said, but this has not prevented many on Capitol Hill from doing precisely that. At both Senate and House subcommittee hearings on Thursday, pointed questions were asked about the handling and outcome of the siege.

Bickering has also broken out between the various federal and state agencies involved. The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) which carried out the first, disastrous raid on the compound, is particularly sore. Beset by accusations that it was aware the cult had been tipped off to the raid and could anyway have arrested Koresh easily before the assault, the very future of the ATF may be in jeopardy. At the Senate subcommittee hearing on Thursday, four senators argued that the ATF should be absorbed into the Justice Department.

☐ **Tehran:** President Rafsanjani of Iran accused the American government "of murdering Christian cult members" in Waco. "Americans who attack their ordinary people with tanks and burn 90 people and turn them into charcoal will definitely have no compassion for other nations." *(Reuter)*

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Iraqi forces kill Kurdish villagers in 'safe havens'

■ A former British army officer has filmed the immediate aftermath of a raid which, he says, is the start of a new genocidal campaign by President Saddam Hussein

BY BILL FROST

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein has embarked on a new campaign against the Kurds with an attack on a village in the so-called safe haven areas of northern Iraq.

Twenty women, children and old people were murdered as troops of Saddam's special forces stormed the village of Awena. The Iraqis shot and mutilated those too weak to run or fight.

The aftermath of the raid was filmed by Tom Hardie-Forsyth, a former British army officer who served during the Gulf war and now liaises between the Foreign Office and the Kurdish areas. He said yesterday that the killings had been carried out on the orders of Saddam's senior military commanders and marked the first phase of a campaign to "eradicate" the Kurds.

Mr Hardie-Forsyth arrived in Awena just after Iraqi troops left. His video shows weeping women grouped round the bodies of children with multiple bullet wounds. Survivors told him how the



soldiers had singled out one little girl and "cut her skull in half" with their bayonets. A boy aged 7 was forced to watch as his father, mother and brother were lined up and shot. Soldiers encouraged the boy to run and then opened fire after he had covered 200 yards. The troops laughed and joked after making sure he was dead.

Iraqi special forces smashed down the door of a house and found a woman hiding with her seven children. They tossed a grenade at the huddled group before opening up with a machinegun.

The video shows a three-year-old girl sitting wide-eyed with terror on a hospital bed as nurses try to comfort her. The child had seen her relatives shot and lost the power of speech, Mr Hardie-Forsyth said. A boy is shown staring at his shattered legs. One is dressed with a bloodstained bandage, the other is missing below the knee. His mother weeps inconsolably.

The villagers said that between 250 and 300 Iraqi troops supported by armoured vehicles had been in the raid. The survivors identified those leading the attack as Tala Muhammad Shatha, a militia commander based in Mosul, and a man known as "Dawid", a Baath party official.

After the killings the Iraqis torched surrounding wheat fields. Such destructive raids increased as harvest time approached, Mr Hardie-Forsyth said.

"Saddam has already begun what amounts to a campaign of genocide against the Kurds in the so-called safe havens. If he succeeds in destroying the harvest, then thousands will starve," he added.

There is a UN no-fly zone over the safe haven, but the Kurds had no real protection against incursions by Iraqi ground forces, he said.

Mr Hardie-Forsyth this week presented his evidence to the Foreign Office and a London-based State Department official. He has argued for the deployment of more UN military observers to discourage an all-out Iraqi land offensive.

Last night he said: "While Bush was willing to act, President Clinton's advisers are saying 'Turn a blind eye. With the radicals in Iran again posing a threat to regional stability, why not let Saddam build up his forces again as a counterbalance?' "

☐ **New York:** The UN has rejected an Iraqi request to allow 37 stranded passenger planes to fly home. It also rejected Iraq's move to use its own planes to fly pilgrims to Mecca. The UN is likely to allow non-Iraqi planes to make the flight. *(Reuter)*



Hunger strike: a soldier from the United Arab Emirates uses a stick to control a crowd of women at a food distribution centre in Mogadishu

America seeks shake-up of UN agencies in Somalia

FROM SAM KILEY IN BAIDOA

RADICAL plans to reshape the United Nations operation in Somalia to give its head a viceroy's role and turn the country into a UN mandated territory in all but name are to be backed by America and other Western nations and presented to the security council this month.

A report by management experts and legal advisers working under Admiral Jonathan Howe, special representative of the UN secretary-general in Somalia, is highly critical of the way UN agencies have worked in the country. It says they should be answerable to the senior UN representative in Somalia and not their headquarters in Rome, Geneva or New York.

Diplomatic sources in Nairobi expected Britain to back the changes. It was certain the US would try to force them through the security council, as it will foot a third of the $1.6 billion (£1.05 billion) bill for this year's UN operations in Somalia.

But the heads of bodies like the World Health Organisation, Unicef (the UN children's fund), and the World Food Programme are unlikely to be enthusiastic about losing control of the activities of the relief and development agencies on the ground.

"That is just their bad luck," said an official of the UN operation in Somalia. "They have been almost totally ineffectual in Somalia, and if they are not happy with having a streamlined management system that holds the agencies accountable for what they are, or are not, doing, then they will have to go. One thing is sure. The admiral won't back down on this."

The secret report comes on the heels of a confidential letter to Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali from aid agencies working in Baidoa, central Somalia, which bitterly criticised the UN role since the arrival of a multinational military task force last December. The letter, signed by representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Irish agency Goal, World Vision International, and others said the UN "lacks the leadership, the organisation, the will, and the respect of Somalis to provide relief agencies a safe environment in which to work".

This week the Dutch branch of Médecins Sans Frontières began evacuating its staff from Baidoa. One member said: "We have been threatened by one of our senior local managers. Six weeks ago we were held up and last week one of our Somali nurses was shot.

"The man who is forcing our departure used to work for us and now is vice-chairman of the Somali Democratic Movement in Baidoa and wants us to continue paying him. If we don't, we'll be killed."

☐ **Asmara:** Eritreans in festive mood flocked to vote yesterday in a referendum expected to ratify the independence from Ethiopia they have enjoyed since rebels seized power two years ago. Thousands queued at polling stations here. *(AFP)*

UK troops linked to far-right training

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

MEMBERS of Britain's Special Air Service have been involved in training white South Africans in preparation for a race war, it was reported here yesterday.

The left-wing *Weekly Mail* said the programme was under the "overall direction" of Clive Derby-Lewis, the senior member of South Africa's right-wing Conservative Party who is being held in connection with the assassination of Chris Hani. He is a former officer in the army reserve.

The programme was said to have been launched last year by the London-based Western Goals Institute of which Mr Derby-Lewis is president. SAS experts as well as former members of Russia's Spetsnaz special forces had visited South Africa several times and were reported to have trained white commandos in close combat, firearms use and survival techniques.

Yesterday a German police terrorism expert, Dr Ralph Kruger, arrived in Johannesburg to join Commander George Churchill-Coleman in monitoring the South African police investigation into the killing which, they believe, was part of a wider conspiracy.

Brigadier Frans Malherbe, the chief police spokesman, said that it appeared that Janusz Walus, 40, the Polish immigrant accused of the murder, might have acted against orders when he shot Hani, the Communist party leader, outside his home in Boksburg, near Johannesburg, on Easter Saturday.

He said Hani was only No 3 on a hit list found in Mr Walus's flat after Nelson Mandela, African National Congress president, and Joe Slovo, chairman of the Communist party.

"Walus did not go to kill Hani that day," said Brig Malherbe. "He was on a recce as he had been before to familiarise himself with the area around Hani's home and his security arrangements. He obviously just saw Hani alone, without bodyguards, and seized the opportunity."

US agonises over its national identity as melting pot overflows



*In his final article on the emerging social and economic landscape of America, **Peter Brimelow** looks at immigration*

THE issue of immigration into the United States is in what might be called its pre-Powell stage. The sharp influx is causing increasing discontent, just as there was in Britain before Enoch Powell made his famous speech 25 years ago. The political establishment has been sitting on the problem, but is looking increasingly uncomfortable.

As well it might: American politics lacks the British parliamentary system's institutional barriers against grassroots insurrection.

The immigration issue has an explosive characteristic: it blasts across all political lines. Last year, for example, my story in the conservative magazine *The National Review* raised economic and crypto-Powellian questions about the influx. That got me into trouble with luminaries of the conservative movement, such as the editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, who complained not unreasonably that he had been instrumental in my arrival here.

Jack Miles, a leader writer for the *Los Angeles Times*, published an *Atlantic* magazine story questioning immigration from a liberal perspective (new evidence suggests it is worsening the economic plight of poor blacks). His heresy was equally denounced, especially by ethnic factions.

The American immigration situation is unprecedented in world history. The 1965 Immigration Act, which abolished the previous preference for Europeans, triggered an unexpected immigrant influx, predominantly Hispanic and nearly nine-tenths coloured. Simultaneously, illegal immigration has soared. An estimated nine million people arrived in the 1980s, equalling the previous peak decade of the 1900s. About 15 million are expected this decade.

White American birth rates are much lower than at the turn of the century, so the ethnic balance is shifting quickly. Whites have fallen from almost nine-tenths of the population in 1960 to less than three-quarters in 1990. Demographers calculate that America might cease to be majority white by 2050.

So much American political debate trembles with barely contained hysteria about race and ethnicity. To anyone who knows about the history of nation-states in Europe, it is obviously no more possible to change the ethnic content of a polity without fear of consequence than to replace abruptly all the blood in a human body. Yet this is the experiment upon which America has embarked.

To be fair, the rationale for the post-1965 immigration influx is that America is not a nation-state in the European sense. Instead, it is said to be an "idea", a political construct based on adherence to a written constitution, without any specific cultural, ethnic or linguisitic content.

That rationale is unhistorical. It would have astonished Theodore Roosevelt, president during the last great immigration influx, whose many books explicitly celebrated the link between the Anglo-Saxon invasion of England and their descendants' winning of the American West. When President Coolidge signed the legislation ending the last influx in the 1920s, he explained his reason succinctly: "America must be kept American." Everyone knew what he meant.

Although US immigration policy is irrational, the political establishment resists discussion of it. The reasons are various. Some will be familiar to British observers; others reflect peculiar American pressures. We may be watching America heaping up its funeral pyre, to use Mr Powell's phrase. Or perhaps a launching pad to becoming the "first universal nation". Whatever it is, it looms increasingly large.

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Coolidge: "America must be kept American"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Capital prepares for gay invasion

Washington: For one short weekend in Washington, America's gays will tomorrow have the unique sensation of constituting a majority as they gather in the capital for what promises to be the biggest gay rights march in history (Wolfgang Münchau writes).

Gay activists hope to attract one million participants, about twice the city's population, to Sunday's march, officially entitled "The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation".

In the true spirit of family values, the city this week witnessed a "mass wedding" of 1,000 gay couples, held symbolically in front of the Inland Revenue building. President Clinton, a supporter of gay rights, has distanced himself from the event and plans to be out of town for the weekend. Transvestites and other "transgendered people" have been staging an eight-hour talent show at an open-air theatre.

Imperial visit

Naha, Japan: Emperor Akihito began the first imperial visit to Okinawa, and sought to end the bitterness over the 1945 battle there in which 200,000 Japanese died. "I share the deep sorrow of the families. I offer deep condolences," he said. *(Reuter)*

Sent for trial

Ajaccio: Thirteen people have been sent for trial on charges arising from the collapse of a football stadium in Corsica last year in which 15 people were killed. Eleven officials are to be tried for manslaughter and causing actual bodily harm. Two others were charged with fraud. *(Reuter)*

Demirel picked

Ankara: Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish prime minister, has been selected by his True Path Party (DYP) as its presidential candidate to replace Turgut Ozal, who died last Saturday. Parliament has until May 27 to choose a new president. *(Reuter)*

Militants held

Cairo: Egyptian police arrested 500 people in Cairo in their hunt for militants who tried to kill Safwat el-Sherif, the information minister this week. They set up checkpoints and raided houses in five slum areas which are Muslim militant strongholds. *(Reuter)*

Aids enquiry

Toulouse: René Lévy, head of a macrobiotic centre near Saint-Gaudens that claimed to cure Aids with plants, is under investigation for illegal medical practice and fraudulent advertising. A prosecutor said the centre seemed more like a sect. *(Reuter)*

Yemen to vote

Cairo: Yemen goes to the polls next week in a potentially violent election that will be the first genuine test of multi-party democracy. Up to 2,500 candidates, including 200 women, will be competing to be elected to the 301-seat parliament.

Peace dividend

Bishkek, Kirghizia: America has donated military hospital equipment held in reserve for a third world war to the former Soviet republic of Kirghizia. The supplies, worth £8.5 million, include four emergency hospitals. *(Reuter)*

Lumbering Europe renounces dream of superpower status

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

■ Europe will not challenge America as a superpower. Bosnia has exposed the UN, Nato and the EC as slow-moving Cold War institutions ill equipped to tackle crises

THE dream of turning Europe into a superpower ranking alongside America in the world is unrealisable, a leaked EC report admitted yesterday.

The report, summarising the private doubts in national capitals, will be put before EC foreign ministers when they meet in Denmark this weekend to debate further moves on Bosnia. The ministers will also be debating the sobering lessons of the Balkan crisis for the Maastricht treaty's "common" foreign policy and dreams of a future EC army.

Written by senior officials from the 12 EC foreign ministries, the report concludes that the EC will never be able to match America's speed and decisiveness in a crisis. "A single European interlocutor will never be equivalent to a single operator on the international scene," the authors conclude. "Reaction time will always be slower compared to the US."

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, ended two days of talks with EC and Nato leaders here yesterday and emerged with no new ideas. Europe is again waiting for Washington. Manfred Wörner, Nato's secretary-general, keeps hinting that the outside powers should make aggressors "pay the price" for their crimes but stops short of explaining how Europe's cautious governments might do so. Emerging from his talk with Herr Wörner, Dr Boutros Ghali counselled traditional prudence and caution. At the same moment down the road at the EC, Vitali Churkin, Russia's deputy foreign minister, was making clear to the Community's foreign affairs commissioner that Russia would block more energetic action against Serbia.

Nato officials are disillusioned with their political masters. None of the alliance's top officers believes that Nato's policing of the no-fly zone makes any difference to the outcome of the three-way civil war in Bosnia. Nato's supreme commander in Europe, General John Shalikashvili, is openly against air strikes.

The Bosnian crisis is putting the UN, Nato and the EC under strain. All three pillars of the post-second world war system were designed for the Cold War. Suddenly, freed from decades of paralysis at the hands of the superpowers, the UN is overworked and overextended everywhere at once. Nato, funded to deter both communism and a nuclear holocaust, is turning into the UN's contract army for suppressing nasty local wars. The EC, riven by doubt and division, sits on the sidelines.

None of the international organisations involved can take decisions at the speed of events on the ground. At the UN in New York, resolutions have to be crafted to avoid a Russian veto, or threat to President Yeltsin's position. The EC spirit was broken by ministers' traumatic experience of being railroaded into premature recognition of Slovenia and Croatia by Germany. Nato is hobbled by the permanent mutual suspicion between between America and France.

☐ **Aid halted:** Vital aid to hundreds of thousands of refugees in central Bosnia has been halted because of continued fighting between Muslim and Croat forces (Richard Beeston writes).

"We have not moved anything in a week: all the relief is staying in the warehouses and there is no sign of any improvement," a UN official in the Croatian port of Split said.

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Stepping out: cadets guarding the Eternal Flame in Nizhny Novgorod. The city, hailed as a business mecca, has become the showpiece where Russian reform has gone farthest. Photograph: CHRIS HARRIS

City on the Volga regains its tsarist zest for commerce

Michael Binyon, ending his journey through Russia, concludes that a return to the old ways is now unlikely. Last stop: NIZHNY NOVGOROD

AS THE train draws into Nizhny Novgorod, the purpose of the bustle is clear. Over the door of the high-ceilinged station, a neon-dot matrix printer flashes out the latest exchange rates and trading information.

People throng the streets, crowding round shops and kiosks, not in search of elusive goods but comparing prices and looking at window displays. Ornate banks and trading houses, constructed in the boom of the 1900s, are again putting up the names of their private owners.

Down by the Volga, in the cavernous hall that housed the huge annual trade fairs before the revolution, workmen are hammering at exhibition stands. In two days the international car show opens. It is almost as if 1917 never happened.

Nizhny Novgorod is fast becoming Russia's business mecca. Only three years ago this city of 1.5 million people, 250 miles east of Moscow, was closed to the outside world. A dour car and engineering centre, named after the dour revolutionary writer Maxim Gorky, it became notorious as the inaccessible fortress where Andrei Sakharov was under virtual house arrest during his seven years of exile from 1980.

The telephone call from Mikhail Gorbachev that announced his release heralded the openness that eventually overwhelmed the whole Soviet system.

Now the city, shedding its revolutionary name as well as its communist past, is opening itself to the world. Delegations of foreign businessmen, mostly Americans, are flooding in to sniff out opportunities. The spartan flat in the dingy suburban block that once housed the late Nobel Peace Prize winner is now a museum, a reproach to totalitarianism.

The city is the showpiece where reform has gone farthest. The radical administration, swept into office after the failed Moscow coup of 1991, is headed by Boris Nempsov, a popular governor who has gathered a dynamic team around him. He is already attempting to move beyond privatisation to the more vexed issue of how to divorce social security, housing and kindergartens from dependence on factories drowning under the demands of such spending.

Surveys show that support for President Yeltsin here is among the highest in the country. Even taxi drivers, notorious grumblers, are happy to boast of progress in the past year.

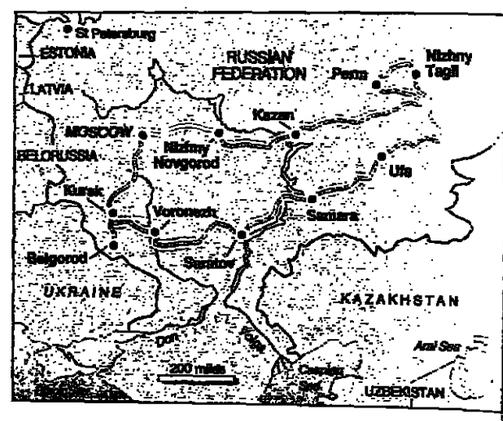
Nizhny Novgorod is only the most striking example of a trend that is increasingly apparent from a marathon 3,000-mile journey round the Russian heartland. Reform in the provinces has gone further than most outsiders realise. Even if the hardliners return to power, they could not quickly go back to the old economic command system.

Despite hyper-inflation, widespread anxiety about jobs and anger at the power of the new mafias and the ostentatious selfishness of the nouveaux riches, a growing body of people is committed to the new ways. Food is available, often in greater plenty than in Moscow. Those Western prestige goods that once meant so much — Marlboro cigarettes, Amaretto liquor, Snickers chocolate bars, trainers and leather jackets — are to be found in most corner kiosks.

Russians accept the inevitability of privatisation. The new system may be brutal, but it has given an urgency to the need to make money. People are being forced out of the cosy communist complacency as they face penury and wonder how they must hustle or work to survive.

Reform is patchy and depends enormously on the energy of individual governors and administrations. Where there is a clash between the old hardliners, generally still supreme in the countryside and regional administrations, and go-ahead cities, such as Belgorod, reformers find their ways blocked. When both regional and city authorities are united in purpose — either nationalist, as in Bashkiriya or Tatarstan, or economic, as in Nizhny Novgorod — changes are fast. Where the local powers are incompetent or corrupt, as in Samara, the cities appear to be drowning in muddle.

Seeing Russia by train underlines other factors crucial to the success or failure of Mr Yeltsin's course: the despoliation of the vast country, the crumbling infrastructure and the waste of resources. Not until a change occurs in the mentality that leaves the outskirts of each city and much of the countryside like a vast dump of wasted materials and sloppy construction will a sense of pride and property develop.



REFERENDUM RUSSIA

☐ **Charges denied:** Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, yesterday rejected accusations of corruption made against him by the procurator-general as "a political act aimed at discrediting government structures, the leadership of the defence ministry and the defence minister personally", and intended to swing voters against Mr Yeltsin in the referendum.

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Yeltsin plans for shift in balance of power

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin, preparing for tomorrow's referendum, yesterday published key points of a draft constitution scrapping the Congress of People's Deputies and shifting the balance of power in his favour.

He also announced measures to cushion the effects of market reforms, saying workers who lost their jobs due to bankruptcies would be guaranteed priority in jobs created in new state enterprises.

Russia's 105 million registered voters are tomorrow to be asked whether they have confidence in President Yeltsin, whether they approve his economic policies, and whether they want early presidential and parliamentary elections.

Mr Yeltsin was last night due to appear on television appealing for support and explaining why he believes a new constitution must be adopted to replace the 1973 Soviet version. It has been amended 326 times and is used by hardliners to resist change. The draft amounts to an appeal to strengthen his powers and give him a strong hand to continue the reform process which has been dogged by parliamentary opposition. Congress would, with justification, regard it as a death sentence and an outright attempt by Mr Yeltsin to bolster his powers.

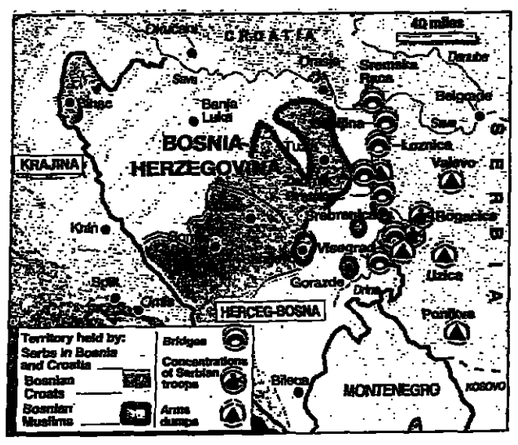
Mr Yeltsin appears to be considering convening a constitutional assembly with representatives for all 80 Russian republics and regions to vote on a new constitution, bypassing congress. His parliamentary opponents will claim that this amounts to a constitutional coup and that the president is trying to accumulate dictatorial power. Such a move would also crystallise opposition around Aleksandr Rutkoi, the vice-president, and has been condemned by Valeri Zorkin, the chairman of the constitutional court.

However, the proposed alteration of the balance of powers can probably be taken as an initial negotiating position rather as an attempt to set up an elective dictatorship. Mr Yeltsin suggests a two-chamber standing assembly to replace the unwieldy congress and the smaller Supreme Soviet, a standing parliament drawn from it on a rotating basis. The presidency would nominate the main figures in the government and the judiciary, leaving parliament to approve them.

If parliament refused to support his choice of prime minister, or if "a crisis of state power cannot be solved on the basis of the constitution", the president would have the right to dissolve it and call elections. The draft would enshrine in the constitution the right to buy and sell land, a key aim of the reformers which the legislature has blocked.

Nato chiefs target Serb supply lines

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT



THE shift in attitude in London and other European capitals towards possible air strikes on Serbian targets has now forced military planners to review a list of potential sites.

Arms supply routes from Serbia into Bosnia appear at the top of the list because of growing evidence that Belgrade is masterminding a flow of arms and men across the many bridges along the Drina and Sava rivers into Bosnia. Before the artillery and infantry assault on Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia, Serbian troop transporters and tanks, including updated M84s, T72s and T55s were seen crossing the border from Serbia at bridges in Bratunac and Skelani, two frontier towns.

Reports from the area have suggested that as many as 200 tanks, most of them T55s, crossed the border to join the attack on Srebrenica. Heavy artillery was also reported to have been sent to the area. Belgrade has frequently denied that it is arming the Bosnian Serbs, but Western intelligence reports, backed up by reconnaissance photographs, have provided ample proof that the arms supply lines are being used extensively. There are more than half a dozen good bridges along the border that provide the Serbs with easy access into eastern Bosnia.

Nato sources have said that at least 20,000 regular Serbian army troops are now fighting inside Bosnia. Unofficial reports claim that the figure could be as high as 60,000. Elements of two Serbian army units, the Valjevo corps and Uzice corps, are known to be involved in the fighting.

Italians seek new premier

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

LEADERS of the Italian Christian Democrat party (DC) and the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) said yesterday that they had made progress in talks aimed at agreeing on a common candidate to replace Giuliano Amato as prime minister.

Delegations led by their party secretaries, Mino Martinazzoli for the DC and Achille Occhetto for the PDS, held discussions after Signor Amato resigned to make room for a broader-based government. President Scalfaro yesterday began consultations with party leaders.

The Quirinal Palace has said that the head of state will name a prime minister designate by Monday.

☐ **Carli dies:** Guido Carli, one of the leaders of Italy's postwar economic expansion, has died of a heart attack at the age of 79. *(AP)*

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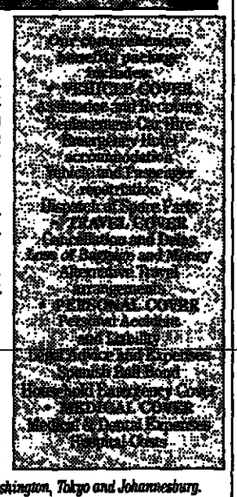
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Plundered gods of Angkor caught in Cambodian crossfire

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA

THE policemen had left their post for just 15 minutes to eat, but during that time armed robbers had moved a large 12th-century stone statue, headless but still priceless. They were carrying it into the jungle on their shoulders when the police caught up. In the gun battle, one robber was killed, the others fled and the statue, part of Cambodia's rich cultural heritage, was saved.

Near the gem-like Banteay Srei (city of women) temple, 20 miles from here, with its pink sandstone carvings of Vishnu, first robbed in a celebrated case in the 1920s by André Malraux, the novelist who later became French culture minister, UN peacekeepers this week stopped a bus carrying German tourists and rerouted the driver because the Khmer Rouge were active up ahead.

At the temple itself, surrounded by minefields, soldiers of the Phnom Penh regime stacked their Kalashnikovs to perform an impromptu Cambodian dance marking the mid-April Cambodian new year holiday. The tourists did not see an intricate-carved figure on the temple's roof. "It disappeared one night recently," a guard said.

Two days ago, Banteay Srei was closed for lack of security. The temples at Angkor are, not for the first time,

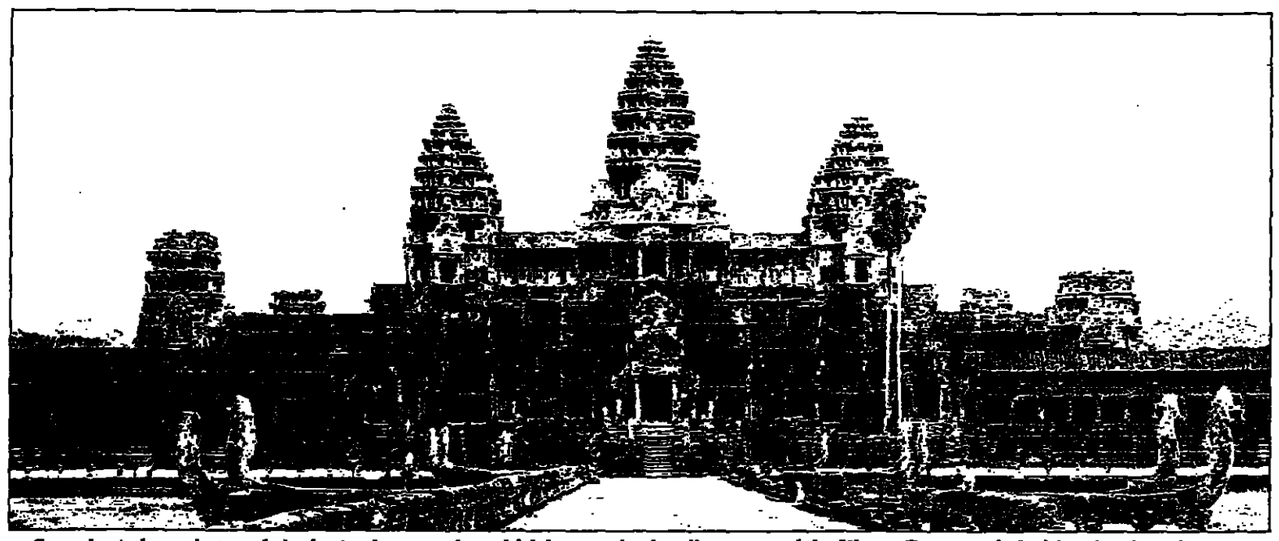


near the centre of Cambodia's renewed war between the Khmer Rouge and the Phnom Penh government — with UN peacekeepers caught in the middle. Both American and Japanese tourists have been warned by their governments to stay away from these representations of the Hindu idea of the gods and the heavens.

This week, the police were lucky, but the growing anarchy — from mine-laying attacks by bandits, Khmer Rouge shelling and just general mayhem — around Angkor, 190 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, has led to a spate of recent successful thefts. Last week, armed looters stole nine statue heads from inside the main Angkor conservatory, forcing guards at gunpoint to carry them across a field to a river near by before escaping to the Thai border, where agents wait to take possession.

It was the second recent theft at the conservatory, situated at the town centre of Siem Reap near Angkor. In February, 50 armed robbers killed three guards and fired a rocket at the conservatory, where 7,000 statues of Hindu deities and richly-carved stone friezes are stored.

"Agents often have rich buyers lined up before the theft occurs," Richard Engelhardt, director in Cambodia of Unesco, which is heading international efforts to save these delicate temples, said. "There are even photo albums from which to select the piece you want while it is still in place." He has already helped conduct a month-long course to train and motivate 450 Cambodian policemen to guard the huge complex. The training includes stating the obvious. "It had not occurred to police to stagger meal breaks." Mr Engelhardt said. "When they go to cook supper they leave their posts and the robbers strike." Angkor survived earlier wars and the Khmer Rouge period with only minor damage. With fighting spreading across this province again, perhaps the robbers will stay away until elections are held next month and a new government, better able to protect what is one of the greatest examples of sacred architecture in the world, takes power.



Sacred art: the main temple in the Angkor complex, which has survived earlier wars and the Khmer Rouge period with only minor damage

Nuclear worries force US offer to North Korea

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

REVERSING course, the Clinton administration has quietly offered to hold high-level talks with North Korea in an attempt to persuade Pyongyang not to withdraw from the international nuclear non-proliferation treaty, designed to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

Washington has no diplomatic relations with North Korea and had to date relied on the United Nations and the threat of punitive international sanctions to bring Pyongyang's communist regime into line. North Korea has long sought high-level recognition by the United States and this policy change was largely the result of Chinese entreaties.

China is the one country that has influence over North Korea, and Washington has actively sought Peking's help to resolve the crisis caused by Pyongyang's March 12 announcement that it was withdrawing from the 1968 treaty. However, there is concern that China's help would make it harder for Washington to make tough demands on human rights issues when China's preferential trading status comes up for review on June 3.

The offer of talks was made by Peter Tarnoff, the undersecretary of state for political affairs, during a visit to South Korea this week, but not announced in Washington. The State Department acknowledged that "we would not rule out a meeting with North Korea", but said none was scheduled and no decisions had been made.

The only high-level meeting between the United States and North Korea occurred in New York in January 1992, and the American offer reflects extreme concern in Washington about Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions. US intelligence analysts believe North Korea is withdrawing from the treaty because it is well on the way to producing a nuclear bomb.

President Kim Il Sung has been trying to woo Washington with visa-free entry for American businessmen wanting to invest in North Korea. Some believe that one of the principal reasons that Pyongyang has refused to open its nuclear facilities to inspection has been to force the United States into direct contacts.

In Seoul, the South Korean government denied reports that the communist North would end its defiance of the United Nations and remain a member of the treaty. It dismissed a Yonhap news agency report that a North Korean diplomat in Cairo said Pyongyang had decided to reverse its decision to withdraw from the treaty. "So far North Korea has not shown any official position to ease tension between the South and the North," a unification ministry spokesman said. "If a US-North Korean high-level meeting materialised, it would contribute to solving the nuclear problems," he said.



Kim: trying to win over Washington's support

Hong Kong talks face long haul

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

IN KEEPING with Peking's insistence that the content of negotiations on the political future of Hong Kong be kept strictly under wraps, British officials refused to say whether they had made progress yesterday after a second day of talks on the colony.

Both sides, however, seem ready for a long haul of negotiations, perhaps dragging on for weeks. Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to Peking, would only tell journalists: "You can take it that we are hard at work and will remain hard at work." He said that he expected this first round of talks to come to an end at the weekend.

The Peking-controlled newspaper *Wen Wei Po* quoted Lu Ping, the head of China's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, as saying: "It's difficult to say now if the talks will bear any fruit. This is only the first round of talks. We hope we could concretely solve some problems in the second or third round."

The talks are aimed at finding a compromise on arrangements for the 1994-95 elections to Hong Kong's legislature, the last elections before the handover to Chinese rule. Chris Patten, the governor, has published proposals which mean that more than half the legislature would be democratically elected by 1997, whereas Peking wants this to apply to only 20 of 60 seats when it takes over.

Sir Robin said yesterday that the Chinese had treated the Hong Kong officials taking part in the talks "with complete courtesy". The status of the officials has been the subject of much controversy. Britain wanted them to be full members of the delegation but Peking insisted that they be downgraded to "advisers".

The only details that British officials were prepared to divulge yesterday were that talks were taking place at an oval table and that coffee, tea and biscuits were served.

☐ **Solid suport:** Jeremy Bray, a Labour party MP, said on a visit to Hong Kong that all-party support in Westminster for Mr Patten's reform proposals remained as strong as ever. Labour's support for Mr Patten — one of its political arch-enemies when he was Tory party chairman — is firmer than it has ever been, he said. "Somebody like him should have been appointed [governor] ten years ago," Mr Bray said. *(AFP)*

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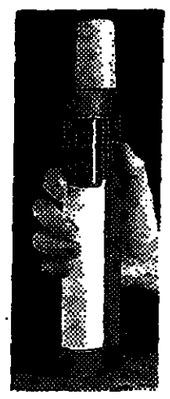
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Alexander Chancellor in New York



■ The Big Apple feels serene but alive on a Sunday, whereas London can feel simply dead

The news with which I ended last Saturday's column — that, according to a new survey, the number of American homosexual men has apparently fallen from 10 to 1 per cent of the male population — seems to have dumbfounded most New Yorkers. "Where is the missing 9 per cent?" they are asking. "Whatever became of them?"

Tomorrow there will be a chance to check the new statistic when, it has been predicted, as many as one million people will be marching through Washington to demand equal rights for homosexuals, especially in the armed services.

One million is what 1 per cent of America's male population may roughly amount to, so, if expectations are met, every male homosexual in the country should be either present or represented this Sunday in the nation's capital.

If the ranks of homosexuals in New York are not heavily depleted, it will confirm many people's suspicion that the Guttmacher Institute, which published the new survey, has been deceived. I will be staying behind in New York, not because I do not support the lifting of the ban on homosexuals in the military (I think it should be lifted), nor because I am told that there are no hotel rooms to be had this weekend within a 20-mile radius of Washington, but because New York is particularly enjoyable at the weekend. It is also just six months since I arrived here to work for the *New Yorker*, and half way through my allotted time on the magazine, so therefore an appropriate moment to celebrate the curious fact of being in Manhattan and to consider what it is that makes this city, for all its notorious deficiencies, so appealing.

People are always asking which city one prefers — New York or London? — which is not an easy question to answer, because one likes them for completely different reasons. Home, wherever it is, has one advantage over any other place for the simple reason that one feels at home in it, and therefore usually more comfortable and relaxed.

London is more relaxed that New York in any event, because Londoners are generally slower and lazier than New Yorkers and less driven by the urge to succeed or the fear of failure. Visiting London earlier this month on the Friday of the rail and bus strike, when almost everyone decided to stay at home rather than take their cars to work, I was delighted to see a London *Evening Standard* poster reading "Long Weekend Beats Strike".

The strikers might reasonably have felt they had won by terminating all business in the city, but instead they were being told they had lost because nobody would engage them in battle.

Such a response would have been unthinkable in New York. New Yorkers pride themselves on getting to work in the face of any obstacle, walking huge distances if necessary. Even during last month's great snow blizzard, which happened on a Saturday, a large proportion of the shops remained open, and Bloomingdales sold out of woolly hats. The great advantage of this unquenchable American commitment to work is that everyday life is in many ways easier in New York than in London. You can order anything by telephone and get it delivered very quickly.

Almost every couple of blocks there is a Korean delicatessen, or minimarket, which is open 24 hours a day and sells all basic necessities, and many less basic ones such as flowers, for which New Yorkers have a passion.

> People are always asking which city one prefers. New York or London? There is no easy answer

The geographical compactness of Manhattan and the breadth and straightness of its streets offer another great advantage over London, which is that you can normally get from place to place with extraordinary speed, assisted on occasion by madcap taxi drivers who have imported the fearless driving habits of the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent.

This all helps create a feeling of constant excitement, but sometimes one feels one is living in a beehive or an ant colony. The avenues are thronged with people, none of whom appear to be walking about for the fun of it but all earnestly bent on reaching some significant destination. The accomplishment of tasks, the achievement of goals are the universal intent. Sometimes you want to blow a whistle and tell them all to go home.

That is why weekends in New York are such a pleasure. While London on a Sunday can feel simply dead, New York feels alive but serene. With the traffic mostly gone, the dramatic grandeur of the avenues is exposed in all its magnificence, as are the city's architectural wonders.

The people seem to have been reborn in Mediterranean guise, strolling along the streets for pleasure and stopping only to chat or to gaze aimlessly into shop windows. New Yorkers of incurable earnestness satisfy it by visiting the museums, but for once there is true relaxation in the air.

New York on a Sunday is unique. I can think of no city to beat it.

Anne McElvoy assesses the task that faces Boris Yeltsin if he wins the vote of confidence tomorrow

Promises for proles

The bedraggled crowd outside Izhevsk's vast military plant greeting Boris Yeltsin on the last stint of his campaign before tomorrow's referendum was the sort of scene the Bolsheviks would have used to demonstrate the necessity of revolution.

The women wore garish make-up in a vain attempt to hide the pallor of undernourishment, the men turned up the ragged collars of threadbare jackets against the chill. Unkempt children waved red banners not, as the symbolism would suggest, in opposition to President Yeltsin, but because that is what they have always done on the rare occasions a delegation drops by from Moscow and nobody had thought to get a stock of more appropriate flags.

The lumpen proletariat of Izhevsk, the people Lenin thought would accede to utopia and the carthorses of Stalin's obsession with making Russia the world's greatest military-industrial power, now stands in the pouring acid rain, waiting once again with blank, bovine patience for someone to come along and tell them what will become of them.

Izhevsk, lost in the Ural mountains in the autonomous republic of Udmurtia, produced SS20 missiles and nuclear paraphernalia from guiding systems to weapons transporters, and also Kalashnikov rifles to fuel the proxy wars fought with the West in the willing theatre of the Third World. Production in this city, until recently closed to Westerners, is to be scaled down in keeping with the new, Western-friendly Russian commitment to nuclear disarmament and the sag in military orders after the "friendly countries" of Eastern Europe decided to seek new acquaintances.

You would not wish your worst enemy to spend a holiday here: the city of 700,000 lies under a blanket of chemical pollution and industrial waste is dumped casually on spare land. The population shows signs of inbreeding and the sullen strain of isolation. Accustomed to being the proud artisans of the nuclear craft, they are suddenly treated as an embarrassing problem. The "military-industrial complex", of which Moscow once boasted, is now the millstone round the neck of reform.

It was brave of Mr Yeltsin to make this the last stop on his campaign trail before tomorrow's referendum rather than the easier option of an area that has benefitted more generously from his reforms. The industrial slump has produced short-time working in a string of similar cities across the Urals and although most workers still receive their full wage, they know that unemployment cannot be far away if Mr Yeltsin is serious about restructuring the economy.

Fear of the future is tangible and Mr Yeltsin responded uncomfortably. "I know your problems and fears and I have come to do something about them," he said, before disappearing with the leaders of defence enterprises for talks. The crowd was still there when he returned but he had no message for them. He shook the odd hand and waved with a stiffness unfortunately reminiscent of Leonid Brezhnev before cutting short his programme and returning with an almost audible sigh of relief to Moscow.

Izhevsk is a microcosm of the enormous task that lies ahead of the president if he wins the vote of confidence on Sunday. If the last year had gone according to the early, optimistic, plan the vast, obsolete complexes should have been tackled during the first half of this year. But Russia's industrial heartland has barely been touched by reform and the state is still pouring roubles into useless projects. All the president's promises to continue the thrust of radical reform will be meaningless in the face of rising inflation.

Anxious to allay fears of unemployment, Mr Yeltsin promised a decree guaranteeing workers at a plant that goes bankrupt the right to 70 per cent of jobs at any new enterprise on that site. But the notion that administrative decrees can solve problems is absurd and there is no rush of investors in Udmurtia. Appealing as stories of tank factories now making teapots are, Russia's civil industrial potential will not match the old superpower's output for decades, if ever.

It would be unfair to blame Boris Nikolayevich for his hesitation in telling an industrial city the bald truth — even stable western politicians usually delegate that to someone else — but he cannot dally much longer before deciding what the economic policies of the next few years are to be. Otherwise he risks turning the magic words "economic reform" into yet another meaningless phrase mouthed at Russians by their leaders on the news while devoid of any relevance to their own lives.

The gains of his early rule will soon be taken for granted: by now even ghastly Izhevsk has Coca-Cola to sweeten its misery. If he fails to recast an economy geared to Soviet needs to those of Russia, he may soon find, confidence vote or no, that the decline of his credibility will accelerate. And then his rule will become more vulnerable to the hardline champions of the military-industrial complex who are still biding their time.

Fight for a moral low ground

Intervention by the military in Bosnia will serve only to satisfy a lust for blood



Walking wounded: a detail from Percy Wyndham Lewis's 1918 watercolour. Do we need war to redeem life from flat degeneration?

Simon Jenkins

What is the *moral* thing to do in Bosnia? The British government is preparing to support American plans either to bomb Serb supply lines or to end the official embargo on arms shipments. This means the end of aid convoys and will require the probable withdrawal of the 2,400 British troops in Bosnia. This must be as completely immoral as a policy could be.

Nobody in Bosnia appears to believe that bombing Serbs (and now Croats?) or rearming Muslims will do anything but escalate the civil war. Neither policy would push Serbs or Croats out of newly occupied villages or reduce their military effectiveness. Both would stiffen resolve in Belgrade and Zagreb to give their fighters more support. Bombing would wreak death and destruction on already wretched Bosnia. The risk to aid convoys would condemn to disease and starvation refugees now being supplied. The sole purpose of this change of policy would be to "relieve pressure on Western governments". It is supremely wrong.

Let us remember again. The only hope of outsiders stopping this or any civil war is with hundreds of thousands of troops. Such an army could not realistically reverse the partition of Bosnia. It would merely police that partition and protect some Muslim enclaves while it chose to stay. But that is not proposed. We are being offered the most cowardly gesture of all: sending bombers into the sky to make us feel good. We stop the aid that saves lives. Instead we join in the killing. We will say we are "killing to stop the killing": We know that such limited and always temporary interventions do nothing of the sort.

That is only half the immorality. The other half is the manner in which Western (and soon Eastern?) governments are being goaded into military action. No distortion of truth, no travesty of history, no selective reporting is too outrageous to be harnesssed to the cause. I must sympathise with the philosopher, William James, who suggested at the turn of this century that we seem to need to "reinvent war to redeem life from flat degeneration". Our ancestors had bred pugnacity into our bone marrow and a thousand years of peace will not breed it out of us, said James: "The popular imagination fairly fattens at the thought of wars." Daniel Pick's *War Machine*, published this week, should be read by every Bosnian interventionist.

The ending of the Cold War is afflicting us in mysterious ways. We found a sort of comfort in the existence of an Evil Empire, a Tolkienian land of hobgoblins beyond the Wild Wood. It absorbed our aggressive instincts and appeased our militarism. That empire is gone. New monsters have had to be found. First Saddam Hussein and now Slobodan Milosevic cannot be seen as they are, as essentially local dictators riding bloody tigers of ethnic conflict. They must be elevated as modern Satans. They must be called Hitlers — as Britain called Nasser "Hitler" in 1956. Their followers must be "nazis". Killings under their aegis must be a "holocaust".

This global homogenisation of terror is historically naive, stupid and dangerous. It exaggerates tinpot autocrats and diminishes the far greater outrage of the Holocaust. Yet how small are the voices of sanity. How many heard this week the UN's Cedric Thornberry in Bosnia? He was pleading against "Rambo-style military interventions" that would exacerbate the war. "More arms simply means more war," he said.

Who has read Misha Glenny's measured study, *The Fall of Yugoslavia*, which reminds us of how this war began: with the West's casual disregard of state integrity by recognising the Slovenian, Croatian and Bosnian secessions? The message given to the ethnic minorities of central and eastern Europe was "try your luck and the West might come to your aid". The message to ethnic majorities was the opposite, "get to work before that happens".

Outsiders do not stop such wars by taking sides, however great may be the differential atrocity. They do so by laboriously helping the former community countries build prosperity and democracy, to relieve the causes of ethnic friction. In Yugoslavia that is too late. We must now pick up the pieces of past failure. But there is no lack of frictions elsewhere in Europe, in Slovakia, in Moldova, in the Baltic states. As Mr Glenny says, the outer rim of Russia has "a potential for unpredictability and violence which far outstrips that of the former Yugoslavia". Do we ignore them now — and bomb them later?

Margaret Thatcher wondered in Poland last week whether the West has the will to do what is morally right in Bosnia. She sees "no such thing as society" in home affairs but fiercely espouses a collective will overseas. In my view the West, with great pain, is now doing right in Bosnia. Common humanity demands that it help relieve suffering even if it cannot realistically help end the war. The refugee camps and supply dumps of Sarajevo and Tuzla testify to this — unexciting and unsung by the media. Perhaps we should do more. Certainly we should stand ready to help rebuild whatever divided countries emerge from the war.

What is immoral is to stop this aid in the pious hope that by escalating the conflict, by bombing one side and arming the other (which soon means bombing and arming both) we can end the war. Civil war has its own logic. It conforms to Macaulay's dictum that "moderation in war is imbecility".

This is a Balkan struggle for territory. It is not a war of ethnic or even tribal extermination, however horrific the revenge killings of civilians. Nor is it a war to conquer and hold in subjugation foreign states. It is a war to assert sovereignty over long-disputed land, following an unresolved secession. To equate it with Hitler's war is meaningless.

Washington (and now Whitehall) would have no trouble turning Bosnia into a testing ground for arms manufacturers and liberal crusaders. We can goad the Russians into backing the Serbs. We can goad Turks and Iranians into backing the Muslims. Aircraft carriers can take out ever more bridges, more power stations, more villages, "bombing Serbia into the middle ages". Reporters can gasp as high-technology cameras show buildings exploding from within. We can if we want make this nasty but limited civil war a vast regional apocalypse.

But why? Last week's eruption of fighting between Croats and Muslims is precisely what analysts such as Mr Glenny have predicted. Until the Croats and the Serbs have redrawn a new border across Bosnia, Muslims will go on being crushed between them. Maps come at the end of wars. Drawn before the end, they prolong them. And bad maps start new wars: witness the Treaty of Versailles.

There is no "moral war" that the world could at present fight in Bosnia. There is no morality in gestures. But there is an immoral war. It is President Clinton's ambition, apparently supported by Britain, to end humanitarian aid and start bombing. It was at just such a moment in Vietnam that one of his predecessors promised, "We seek no wider war" ... and then sought one.

"He's a cheery old card," grunted Harry to Jack,
As they slogged up to Arras with rifle and pack...
But he did for them both with his plan of attack.

Rebels all at sea

EURO-PIRATES ahoy! The River Thames is to become the next battleground for the anti-Maastricht brigade as it takes to the Lords.

The pro-referendum campaign is swapping the traditional battlebus for a boat, which will take to the river when peers vote on the issue. Bedecked with balloons and banners the pleasure cruiser will sail for Westminster, to be moored outside the House of Lords during the crucial debate this summer.

The bobbing battleboat, organised by the Campaign for a British Referendum and the Maastricht Referendum Campaign, will be the most visible protest to date in the Maastricht saga. Graham Defries, the campaign treasurer, says: "And it will be a celebration of the fact the debate will be taking place at all."

They have done the march with Tony Benn to Trafalgar Square; they have held the phone-in and gathered the petition. But now it is time for a little more drama. Speeches from the boat exalting the peers to bat for Britain will be conducted to stirring strains of Elgar and Vaughan Williams.

Lord Tebbit is expected at the helm and Baroness Thatcher is likely to be invited to join the renegades on board such as Lord Blake, the official historian of the Tory party. The wind is up and the rebels have thrown down their gauntlet — warning that French trawlers will seem mild by comparison.



● *The end of the Maastricht marathon in the Commons has brought particular relief to Sir Derek Spencer, the government's solicitor general. Anxious not to miss any of the votes, Spencer regularly slept in his office at Westminster. He used to keep his duvet and pillows in the filing cabinet.*

DIARY

Wits picked

THE extraordinary gusto in John Major's speech on Thursday night owes much to his decision to beef up his Downing Street policy unit with an expert on Europe. The unit's Dominic Morris was behind many a notable turn of phrase in the speech to the Conservative Group on Europe: "Many who oppose Europe are like the fat boys of Pickwick. They want to make your flesh creep." Major must be delighted that Morris moved into No 10 last month from the Department of Trade and Industry.

But Chris Patten also had a hand in Major's forthright language; he advised the prime minister during his recent trip back to London.

Sir Ronald Millar, one of Major's chief speechwriters, says: "It was a very good speech, really funny. I am flattered people think it was me."

● *The curse of* OK! *has struck. While* Hello *has a well-documented habit of running features on happily married couples, who then promptly break-up, its new rival magazine seems already to have developed a dubious practice. The page three feature of its second issue is headlined in large bold letters: David Steele. It manages both to spell his name incorrectly and, adding insult to injury, makes no mention of the former Liberal leader's knighthood.*

Praying for a win

HEDNESFORD Football Club in the Midlands has broken new ground although it is not, sadly on the pitch — for it failed to qualify for the FA Cup this year. The club is the first to appoint a woman priest as its chaplain.

The Rev Viv Aggett of St Saviour's Church is said to be a battler in the six yard box, however: "I got kneed in the ribs when playing once but we scored from the resulting penalty."

Guppy moves

DARIUS Guppy, the fraudulent friend of Earl Spencer, has at last escaped from Brixton prison to more pleasant surroundings, but he is not free of the penal system yet. Guppy was moved last Tuesday to Kirkham open prison in Lancashire, an institution nicknamed "Butlins" for its relaxed ambience.

Though his new lodgings are a considerable improvement on the drabness of Brixton, they are not entirely what he was after. Guppy had hoped to be transferred to Ford open prison near Arundel in West Sussex, which is, of course, where Gerald Ronson organised the inmates' Christmas pantomime in 1990.

It appears that the cause of Guppy's banishment to Lancashire, against the wishes of his heavily pregnant wife Patricia, was none other than his accomplice, Benedict Marsh, who is already in Ford. The two have fallen out in no uncertain terms since being locked up in March for their £1.8m jewellery heist and Ford's governor wisely decided they should be separated.

Shown the door

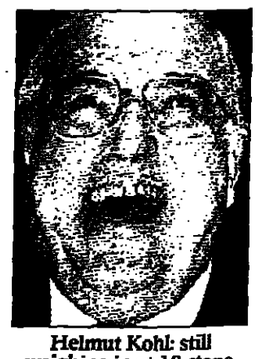
HOW do politicians hold onto power? In Charles Haughey's case, a violent temper appears to have played a healthy part, as an anecdote from *Haughey — His Life and Unlucky Deeds*, a biography published next month, shows. The author, Bruce Arnold, an Irish journalist, has a less than rosy view of Haughey and his government, no doubt helped by the fact that, in 1982, his critical comments about them led to his phone being tapped.

Arnold tells of an Irish senator, Don Lydon, who was summoned by Haughey after he had made a Senate speech that Haughey thought too friendly to the republican movement in Northern Ireland. Arnold writes that Haughey "berated him, in strong language, then dismissed him from his office. Lydon could not find the door in the panelled wall of the room.

"Haughey looked up from his desk a couple of minutes later to find the forlorn senator still in his presence. 'What are you still doing here?' he demanded. 'I can't find the door, Taoiseach,' responded Lydon. 'Then why don't you jump out the f***** window,' snapped Haughey."

Weighty matter of state

CHANCELLOR Helmut Kohl is battling to streamline not only the German economy. He has just emerged from a belt-tightening holiday on a health farm where he was served a dismal diet of herbal tea and dry bread. The result of this spartan regime, which he endured for 16 days at a clinic in Bad Hofgastein in Austria, has become something of a state secret, however. Some of the country's leading journalists are now devoting their undivided attention to it.



Helmut Kohl: still weighing in at 18 stone

The most popular theory is that Kohl, who once missed a meeting in Bonn with Margaret Thatcher to indulge his passion for Danish pastries, managed to lose 15 pounds, but he still appears pretty weighty. One reporter followed the same arid diet for the same length of time to discover he lost only eight pounds. The consensus in Germany is that he now tips the scales at 18 stone.

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REBELS AGAINST HISTORY

Opponents of women priests are distorting the past

The resignation of John Gummer from the General Synod after its vote to ordain women priests last November was an act of conscience worthy of respect. Just as many Catholic priests resigned their orders after the liberalising measures of the Second Vatican Council (1962-5), so Mr Gummer was entitled to take a stand against what he regarded as a betrayal of the Anglican tradition.

The agriculture minister's attack on the synod's decision in *The Tablet* and *The Times* yesterday revealed, however, a different and distorted view of the nature and origins of the Church of England. He claims that "the only basis upon which [the Church] can present its particular formulation of Christianity is its relationship with the state". According to this dubious interpretation, the position of the Queen as defender of the faith and the presence of the bishops in the House of Lords are all that should distinguish Anglicanism from other communions.

By neglecting the radical theological differences that accompanied Henry VIII's break with Rome, the agriculture minister reduces that historic schism to a lifeless constitutional measure. The national reformations that swept Europe in the sixteenth century had deep doctrinal roots in the Lutheran and Calvinist challenge to medieval Catholicism; the Book of Common Prayer was protestant as well as royal. Indeed, it is Mr Gummer rather than the synod who appears to be guilty of "a denial of the whole of Anglican history".

He accuses the assembly of irresponsibly disturbing "what has been believed everywhere and by all", as if the Church of England were merely a branch of the Roman Church without its own evolving tradition and distinctive vision. At a stroke, Mr Gummer wipes out the 450 years of doctrinal conflict between high and low church, puritan and Laudian, Anglo-Catholic and evangelical, that have defined modern English Christianity. The vote to ordain women priests is merely the latest chapter in this long and fractious history of theological definition.

The drive to ecumenicalism in the years since Vatican II and the continued faith in a single apostolic church which binds all Christians together have obscured the profound differences which survive. It has been said that Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, would make a fine cardinal. Yet he, like most of his flock, would surely find it impossible to reconcile the Anglican belief in the symbolic representation of Christ in the Eucharist with the Roman faith in transubstantiation.

Unlike the Vatican, Canterbury accepts Newtonian physics and contraception. Anglican orders are not recognised by Rome. The Church of England is ruled by the General Synod rather than an infallible Pope who claims his authority from the Petrine succession. These are not what medieval theologians called *adiaphora*: non-essential things. They are matters at the heart of faith.

The decision to ordain women priests has wrecked the immediate prospects of the ecumenical movement. That increases the need for neighbourly conduct between Catholic and Anglican. The synod should indeed consider leasing out Anglican churches for a few hours a week to priests who convert to Rome, to enable parishioners who wish to follow their converting clergymen. But Mr Gummer's claim that other churches should now share Anglican property as of right because the Church of England has reduced itself to a sect is nonsense.

Yesterday Cardinal Hume said that Catholics "took no pleasure at all in the prospect of a weakened Church of England. It is important for the nation that the Church of England should be strong." It is regrettable that some rebel Anglicans seem to feel differently.

BETTER SAMARITAN

Telephone help-lines must be more adaptable

The case of the four-year-old girl and her baby brother, who apparently watched their mother bleeding on the floor while a Samaritan volunteer listened on a telephone, has tested that organisation's tight rules on confidentiality to their limits. Although the volunteer tried to elicit the girl's name and address, she managed to discover only the family's first names and two letters of the surname. The girl spoke for two hours, yet the organisation could not locate her or even be sure it was not victim of a hoax.

A scribbled note to another volunteer to ask the police to trace the call could have brought help to the two children within minutes. But the Samaritans have a strict policy on involving outside agencies. They will do so only if it is required by law, for instance in a bomb warning, or where the caller especially asks for other agencies to be involved.

An organisation such as the Samaritans can exist only if callers to it are guaranteed anonymity and confidentiality. Prospective volunteers are grilled at length about their attitudes to sexual abuse, incest, suicide, domestic violence and other horrors of human life. While their natural instinct might, for instance, be to want to report a father worried that he might abuse his daughter, they are persuaded that such action would be counterproductive. It would deter other people from telephoning for whom the action of talking to a stranger might enable them to resist the desire to abuse.

The ethos of the Samaritans is, above all, non-judgmental. Though the listening is described as "active", volunteers are allowed to offer no counselling, advice or personal views. One test question some prospective Samaritans face is how they would have dealt with a call from the Yorkshire Ripper. The "right" answer is that they would listen and perhaps try to persuade him to come in to the centre to talk to someone face to face. They should not call the police.

Some Samaritans simply have to sit and listen while a caller commits suicide. They cannot call an ambulance unless they are asked to do so. That must be hard enough when the caller is an adult. But when the person at the other end of the line is a four-year-old child who has made no adult, rational decision to die but simply needs help, how can non-intervention be justified?

The child herself did not make the sort of confidentiality contract with the volunteer that her mother might have done. She simply picked up a dangling telephone. In those circumstances, the moral equation changes dramatically. The child had nothing to gain from confidentiality; and everything to gain from the help of the emergency services. The volunteer should at that moment have ceased to be a Samaritan and reverted to her normal instincts as a citizen.

To an extent she did. She tried to ascertain the child's whereabouts. And after the little girl hung up, the police were contacted. But she was fettered by the rules of the organisation. For volunteers working under great emotional strain and trying to cast aside normal moral rules in their dealings with unbalanced and sometimes criminal people, strict rules may be a comfort. But in emergencies such as these, volunteers should be allowed to set them aside.

CHESS MATES

The oldest game has become the most modern

The best thing to do with sports is to play them. Second best is to attend at the touchline or on the boundary, taking vicarious part in a social ritual. Watching on television from an armchair, listening to the sometimes expert commentary or reading about it afterwards is to move two stages away from reality into a cave of solitude.

The cricket season has opened with customary severity and long faces around the selectors' table. The Australians arrive tomorrow for an Ashes tour, and cricketers of all capabilities and ages are turning their arms and practising their forward prods. We even have it on the prime minister's best authority this week that Britain will still be the country of long shadows on county grounds 50 years from now.

Cricket is a sport that engages both mind and body and is much followed by non-playing enthusiasts. But sports that are mostly of the mind are more difficult for spectators. Chess, in the past, has been a particularly tricky sport for those who would follow it. Now, by a prodigy of technology, the oldest sport in the world is about to become the most modern, letting anybody compete against the champions. In a public competition called "Predictamove". The Times World Chess Championship, which begins in London on September 7 between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, will let spectators take part more directly even than by expert post mortems, polite clapping or tribal chant.

Watching the play on television, the public will have a chance to guess the next move and telephone their guesses to a computer. Each participant will have his or her own individual number, and the computer will record all predicted moves against those played. Each correct prediction will score a point, and the spectator with the most points will win a prize, and at the end of the 24 games play the champion. Predictions of the next move from all round the world will be relayed and shown on the screen as play is in progress; so unpredictable moves by the masters will be clear to all.

Thus can the computer and the telephone continue the opening up of the game. When chess first became popular in London in the coffee houses of the 18th century, the spectators wanted to see the action and bet on the result. So in chess resorts such as the Divan, which later became Simpson's in the Strand, there were giant chess boards and pieces several feet tall to let the punters have a share in the action.

Television first made it possible for everyman to peer over the champion's shoulder at the summit of world sport. This new technology now makes it possible for outsiders to take part in the play. The champions will be playing not just each other but many thousands around the world. The thousands will be able to compete more directly than by Walter Mitty fantasy or recrimination from the touchline. Everyone can now play against the world champions, more safely than with heavyweights and more realistically than against the cricketers. The oldest game has become the most modern.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Quality and price of compact discs

From Mr Rob McIvor

Sir, While the interest in the over-pricing of compact discs is welcome (reports, April 16, 23) the question of product quality — of more long-term importance to music lovers — is being overlooked.

A large proportion of CD sales are from back catalogues — often recordings made in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The effect of transferring an "old master" tape to digital sound can be as staggering as cleaning up an old oil painting and many, like myself, initially envisaged the CD as an attractive way of replacing vinyl collections.

However, many record companies have mastered their CDs from third or fourth-generation copies of original tapes or even from records. The result is usually inferior in sound quality to the vinyl recording, defeating the object of replacing the original album.

There is, therefore, a need for compulsory labelling to indicate the source from which a CD has been mastered. This will not solve the problem of poor sound quality, and there will come a time, as vinyl is withdrawn from the market, when only second-rate copies will be available of some recordings, but at least the consumer would know what he was getting for his money.

Yours faithfully,
ROB McIVOR,
36 Oakdale Road, E18.
April 23.

From Mr Stephen A. Fisher

Sir, Mr David Mellor alleges in your political correspondent's report (April 16) that the record companies' defence to the charge of over-pricing their compact disc releases (the great majority of which are purchased by fans of popular music) is the very substantial cost of making new recordings such as complete operas.

What neither your correspondent nor Mr Mellor mentions is that the major record companies' "competition" consists of releasing rival versions of these operas, each of which can obviously only find a very small market.

For example Wagner's *The Ring* has been released by the major companies several times in recent years with very similar casts (because the music is so difficult to sing) partly to keep their exclusive conductors happy and to enhance the corporate prestige of the record companies.

Your neat juxtaposition of the photographs of the opera singer Kiri Te Kanawa and the pop singer Madonna also highlights the different contractual terms that apply to classical and pop artists, since the latter (who are exclusively bound to their companies) do not receive any royalties until the recording costs of their own recordings have been recouped from their royalties.

If this is the justification of the record companies for their current CD pricing, it is unlikely to find much support amongst the vast majority of the compact disc-buying public or indeed the most popular recording artists, whatever the "artistic" considerations.

Yours faithfully
STEVEN A. FISHER,
Steven Fisher & Co (solicitors),
19 Cato Street, W1.
April 16.

Shorter summit

From the Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey

Sir, I enjoyed your April 22 leader ("Summit sums") on the latest revision of the altitude of Mount Everest. It prompts me to make three comments. The first is that such altitudes are expressed in relation to a base level whose position itself depends on a number of assumptions: "sea level" is not a glass-like surface covering a flat world. Hence, in detail, it would be quite wrong to compare specifications of the altitude of Everest with such statements as "there are three sheep in that field".

My second comment is to marvel at how astonishingly accurate was the altitude of 29,028 feet defined in the middle of the nineteenth century using technology primitive by contemporary standards and under very difficult conditions.

My final comment is that measuring and mapping something accurately is not done for such romantic notions as you paraphrase by "because it is there". Perhaps sadly, precision in survey is required for more prosaic reasons. These range from the local to the global scale, from ensuring that the area of your property is what you paid for to facilitating predictions of continental drift.

Quality is an inescapable requirement in surveying since this underpins many other activities.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID RHIND,
Director General and
Chief Executive,
Ordnance Survey,
Romsey Road, Maybush,
Southampton, Hampshire.
April 22.

The letter from the Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan in yesterday's paper should have ended as follows: "... the president was convinced that the government could not be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. An appeal to the electorate was therefore necessary." We apologise for the error.

Teaching children to love literature

From Dr Alastair Niven

Sir, The prime duty of my department within the Arts Council is to promote a love and knowledge of literature. We support any attempt to ensure that children are given the opportunity to read, enjoy and learn from both contemporary and pre-twentieth-century literature. Regretfully, we are sure that the rigid lists published by the National Curriculum Council (details, April 16) are not the best way to encourage an interest in literature.

Teachers must teach not only knowledge about literature but also a love of it. They must inspire children to read and explore independently. Lists will be arbitrary. We are concerned with the way in which they will be used.

A rigid list will inhibit the teacher who could otherwise lead a child from one text to another, making connections that seem appropriate, or will exclude texts that would gain the interest of certain pupils. Once the creative joy of teaching literature is lost, so is the inspiring effect a teacher can have on his or her pupils.

No one knows what will happen when the Schools Examination and Assessment Council and the NCC eventually merge or how the relationship between testing and the list will develop, but there will be real dangers if there is time for children to read only what they will be tested on. We would be very concerned if this list for guidance became the literature syllabus.

A nationally narrow and mediocre knowledge of writing will result if teachers are trapped into teaching what they have to, not necessarily what is best.

Yours sincerely,
ALASTAIR NIVEN
(Director of Literature),
Arts Council of Great Britain,
14 Great Peter Street, SW1.
April 21.

From Sir Ian McGeoch

Sir, Is it not sad that it should be thought necessary to *compel* teachers of English to include Shakespeare in the curriculum?

Is it not deplorable that so little progress has been made in public education since the 1570s?

Then, the son of illiterate (or so we are told) parents was given so good a grounding in the essentials at the free school in Stratford-upon-Avon that in due course he was able to master ancient and mediaeval history, European geography, cosmology, the law, courtly behaviour, music, contemporary literature, seamanship, the military arts and country pursuits. He also acquired some knowledge of Latin and Greek, French and Italian.

Then, thus equipped, he enhanced dramatically the English language in writing plays and poetry "not of an age, but for all time".

Come on, government, teachers and parents, surely you could do better next term, and provide our children with at least as good a basic education as Shakespeare must have had.

Yours faithfully,
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Hatfield Peverel,
Chelmsford, Essex.
April 17.

From Mr P. R. Layton

Sir, Eight-year-old Charlotte Brontë (report, April 17, later editions) "would have failed John Patten's exacting standards on the Queen's English". The only evidence quoted is from a teacher asessment of her progress. This seems to strengthen the case for Mr Patten's more objective tests.

Yours faithfully,
P. R. LAYTON,
Rocks Forge, Main Road,
Knockholt, Sevenoaks, Kent.
April 18.

From Mr David J. Pittway

Sir, David Pascall ("A foundation stone, laid in hope", Education, April 19) has rightly said much about raising standards. I have not heard the National Curriculum Council or any other body mention that children learn the standards and values of their role models.

If children expect to grow up to mix with academics and professionals they will speak the English and adopt the manners of academics and professionals. If they expect to be unemployed or unskilled workers they will adopt the English and values of the unemployed, in spite of their teachers. Can we hear how the NCC proposes to change children's role models?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PITTWAY
(Education consultant),
27 Carrick Road, Chester.
April 19.

Peace in Ireland

From Mr Alistair B. Cooke and Miss Lisl Biggs-Davison

Sir, Pious hopes of the kind espoused by Mr H. V. Hodson (letter, April 16) will never secure progress in Ireland. The problems are political, and they can only be resolved by firm action on the part of those who have been elected both in the Republic of Ireland and in the United Kingdom to deal with them. They cannot be delegated to others outside the political arena, however well intentioned.

Why do Unionists attach such importance to the articles in the constitution of the Republic of Ireland which lay claim to Northern Ireland? Quite simply, they express the aspiration which the IRA (whose campaign of terror is never mindless) is endeavouring to turn into reality.

Of course, if the politicians in the republic acted as the cause of democracy dictates and abandoned the two articles, they would incur the wrath of the IRA. Far from being a disadvantage, this would at last draw the republic fully into the battle for democracy throughout Ireland and so hasten the IRA's final defeat.

Politicians in the Republic of Ireland seem to regard our legitimate request to them as an affront. But Fianna Fail and Fine Gael agreed in a joint constitutional report, issued 26 long years ago but never implemented, that the articles ought to be abandoned.

Yours faithfully,
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Maastricht and ERM

From the Co-Chairman of the Bruges Group

Sir, Your admirable leading article (April 13) on the lessons of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) omits only to mention that Her Majesty's government is resolutely committed to rejoining during this Parliament.

Not only does the Maastricht treaty oblige us to rejoin as part of the discredited drive to monetary union but the junior Treasury minister, Stephen Dorrell, recently repeated in a radio interview that the pound should, and would, rejoin. The government view appears to be that the ERM's fault lines are easily correctable rather than that the ERM is fatally flawed in principle and disastrous to the economy in practice.

The crucial point is that we cannot have Maastricht without sterling's participation in the ERM and our lamentable experience of the ERM is an irrefutable argument against ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

If fault lines run through the ERM they run equally through the treaty. The events of White Wednesday provided the government with a heroic pretext to drop the treaty, which, alas, was spurned. But to pass the treaty with its integral commitment to ERM participation, as the government proposes, risks repeating, in even greater measure, the worst follies of our recent past.

I remain, Sir,
Yours sincerely,
MARTIN HOLMES,
Co-Chairman, the Bruges Group,
44 Park Town, Oxford.
April 14.

From Mrs Ena Moreton

Sir, Mr James Boyes (letter, April 13), in opposing a referendum, shows a touching faith in the ability of MPs to "understand the implications" of Maastricht, as he puts it.

Are not these largely the same MPs who understood the implications of the Criminal Justice Act, the consequences of which the British people now have to put up with?

Yours faithfully,
ENA MORETON,
Pandy Farm, Brecon Road,
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April 14.

Holiday home

From Mr John Scott

Sir, Your report (April 20) of the launching by Professor Robert Souhami, head of the adolescent cancer unit at the Middlesex Hospital, of the Macmillan Fund Cancerlink telephone helpline for the 2,000 or more teenage patients is welcome news to all concerned with the welfare of these young people.

I have been helping in the setting up of a recently registered charitable trust with the object of providing a holiday home close to London to which eight young people (15 to 25) at any one time can go with, where appropriate, one parent, husband or wife, or partner, for up to three weeks.

While all required nursing and medical facilities would be available, the intention is to make the atmosphere as different from that of a hospital ward as is possible.

The founder trustees are seven enthusiastic consultants with direct experience of the problem from St Bartholomew's, St George's, the Royal Marsden and the Middlesex hospitals, together with the sister in charge of Professor Souhami's adolescent cancer ward.

Yours faithfully,
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Nelson touch and lessons for today

From Dr Pieter van der Merwe

Sir, If the number of French school groups who head straight for the Nelson relics at this museum are anything to go by, making Trafalgar Day a public holiday is more likely to foster Anglo-French relations than otherwise (Diary, April 21).

It is an odd quirk that historical enemies who resolve their differences eventually come to treat former victories and defeats with equal interest — or none at all.

In 1988, the Armada anniversary was marked here and very seriously in Spain, primarily as an astonishing logistic achievement confounded by incalculables, rather than a triumph of "us" over "them".

Anglo-Dutch maritime buffs snipe good-humouredly over our bloody and even-handed 17th-century naval wars and English fairness as much as French *amour-propre* has to grant that Napoleon's overall legacy to France more than compensates for the setbacks Nelson inflicted on him.

The interesting question is why Trafalgar still carries a popular emotional charge which the final victory, Waterloo, seems to have lost in Britain while remaining a considerable Napoleonic event to France. That almost certainly revolves around the nature of charisma (Nelson and Napoleon) above and beyond exceptional generalship (Wellington).



Both Queen Elizabeth I and Nelson attributed the defeat of their enemies to God — who will also forgive your printing a portrait (reproduced above) of the latter which is either reversed, of someone else, or very bad indeed.

Nelson lost his *right* arm when he was already an admiral in 1797. Your wounded hero, missing his *left*, appears to be a captain, and one in a peculiar uniform of some ten years earlier.

Yours sincerely,
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April 22.

Law made easier

From Mr Richard Williams

Sir, Sir George Engle, QC, suggests (letter, April 21) that the courts should be aided, in searching for Parliament's intentions, by notes prepared by government departments and parliamentary draftsmen.

I suggest that this could lead to the court giving effect to the intentions of the department ministers, and their officials, rather than the will of Parliament. At least the words of a statute have been voted on, often debated, and in some cases amended by Parliament itself.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WILLIAMS (solicitor),
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April 22.

Noddy unmasked

From Mr Ray Moody

Sir, We experienced a major domestic crisis this evening. My two-and-a-half-year-old daughter mislaid her Noddy book. I tried to console her: "Sweetheart", I said, "Noddy has 'no meaning, no artistic impulse, no character' " (Libby Purves, "A wooden actor for Hollywood", April 21) — but to no avail.

Eventually, Noddy was found hiding from us under a cushion because, in the end, everything comes right in Toyland. So we sat down together — "dire parent" and "undiscerning tot" — to a simple story line, gaudy colours and plastic characters. Like thousands before us we found, in our different ways, that Ms Purves is absolutely right — there was "*nothing there at all*". Oh, joy!

Noddy has at least one redeeming characteristic when compared to his red-blooded, imaginative, challenging, politically correct critics. He can exclaim "Oh my head's gone back to its right size! I'm cured! I'm cured!" Maybe that's why little children have a greater fondness for him. But then again, maybe the kids are just plain wrong.

Sincerely,
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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 23: The Duke of Edinburgh, Ranger of Windsor Great Park, this afternoon unveiled a monument to commemorate the planting of trees for the Millennium of the Office of High Sheriffs, Windsor Great Park, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).

His Royal Highness afterwards attended a luncheon at the Buckhound Restaurant, Ascot Racecourse.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davies was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 23: The Prince Edward this evening attended the J.D. Ward National Tennis League final at the Royal County of Berkshire Real Tennis Club, Holyport, Royal County of Berkshire.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 23: The Princess Royal, Patron, Intensive Care Society, this morning attended a Combined Meeting of the Intensive Care Society and the British Association of Critical Care Nurses, the Hexagon Centre, Reading, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).

Her Royal Highness, President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this afternoon opened the new European Headquarters of Dolby Laboratories, Wootton Bassett, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 23: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, London College of Music, was present this afternoon at a concert at Vestry Hall, Ranelagh Road, Ealing, London W5. Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 23: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, this morning presented new colours to the 1st Battalion at Battlesbury Barracks, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, this afternoon visited the 1st Battalion, Belfast Barracks, Osnabrück, Germany.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy celebrate the twenty-eighth anniversary of their marriage today.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the *Burma Star* Association, will attend the 47th reunion at the Albert Hall at 6.45.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Welsh National Opera, will attend a performance of *La Favorita* at the Royal Opera House at 7.15 as part of the Amoco Festival of Opera.

The Princess Royal, as President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will attend the annual meeting at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, at 10.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the Lord Mayor's ball at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, at 7.15 for the Children in Cities appeal.

The Duchess of Kent, as Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers, will attend a regimental dinner at Vimy Barracks, Sotton Road, Catterick, at 7.50.

TOMORROW: Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend the children's variety performance at the Dominion Theatre at 6.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a conference given by the Association of Teachers of Singing at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama at 11.40.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Scout Association, will take the salute at the St George's Day parade at Windsor Castle and will attend the National Scout service in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, at 2.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers, will take the salute at the disbandment parade at Somme Barracks, Catterick, at 11.00.

Election

Anne Mace, chief probation officer in West Yorkshire, has been elected to the chair of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation for 1993-94.

Painter-Stainers' Company

Lord Palumbo, Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain attended the annual prizegiving of the Painter-Stainers' Company held yesterday at Painters' Hall. Mr Gordon A. Luton, chairman of the education committee of the company presided and Mr Miles L. Giles, Master, presented the prizes to achievers of the highest marks in City and Guilds of London Institute examinations for Painting and Decorating, to the best craft student at Technical Colleges in the London area, to students at schools connected with the City of London and to colleges including the Royal College of Art, Royal Academy schools, the textile department of Leeds University and the Royal National College for the Blind. Bursaries are also given to students at these colleges and establishments and to the Slade School of Fine Art, the Byam Shaw School of Art, the City and Guilds of London Art School, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Area Museums Service for South East England, UMIST and the City University.

University of Durham

Former students of the University of Durham (including King's and Armstrong Colleges, and the teacher training colleges) should have received recently the Spring edition of *Kingsgate* — the university's alumni magazine. Anyone who has not is invited to contact the Alumni Relations Office, Old Shire Hall, Durham, DH1 3HP to arrange dispatch of a copy.

Church news

Appointment

The Rev Canon Austin Masters, recently retired from Hereford Diocese: to be a Canon Emeritus of Hereford Cathedral.

Memorial service

Sir Rex Niven

The Nigerian High Commissioner was represented by Mr A.I. Imohe, who read the first lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Rex Niven held yesterday in the Chapel of St Faith, St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of St Paul's officiated, assisted by the Rev Christopher Mann. Brigadier Maurice Atherton read the second lesson and the Right Rev Mervyn Stockwood gave an address. Among those present were:

Lady Niven (widow), Mrs Verity Russell (daughter), Mrs Diana Rawlings (sister-in-law), Lady Hemmiler, Mr G B Rawlings, Mr G C I Rawlings, Mrs Alex Graham Watson, Mrs Jane Sacchi, Miss Alison Leach, Mr Charles Spicer, Mr Julian Spicer, Miss Margaret Rawlings, Mr Michael Rawlings, Miss Elizabeth Russell, Mr James Wilson.

Lord Harvington, the Hon Mrs Andrew Cairns, Sir Charles Jessel, Sir Colin Cole, Sir Andrew and Lady Carnwath, Sir Alexander Durie, Lady (Charles) Strong, Sir Gawain Bell, Lady Stirling, Sir Jeremy Moore, Mr and the Hon Mrs Alan Tyser, Mr St E D Nelson, Mr Tim Emanuel, Mr Richard Southwell, QC, Mr Mamus Nuzam, QC, Mr A B Ingledow, Mr David Williams, Major-General and Mrs I S Harrison, Mr and Mrs G H Gordon Wilson.

Mr R M Esden, Dr Maurice Keen, Mr Geoffrey Redman-Brown, Mr David Watson, Lieutenant-Colonel Evan Roberts, Mr Geoffrey Beadle, Mr Geoffrey Baker, Mrs Margaret Brooks, Mr Alan Fordham.

Memorial tribute

Dr Allen Percival

A celebration of the life of Dr Allen Percival was held yesterday at Wesley's Chapel, London, EC1. Mr Ian Horsbrugh, Principal of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, bid welcome and Mr Paul Hulme said a prayer. A jazz group led by Mr Scott Stroman played "Whisperin'". Mr Leslie East, Novello and Company, gave an appreciation which included a taped tribute by Dr John Hosier, Principal of the Hong Kong Conservatoire.

Mr James Gibb, head of keyboard studies, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, played Schubert's *Impromptu in G Flat, D899*, the Wellington College Choir, directed by Mr Stefan Anderson, sang Byrd's "Magnificat" from The Second Service and Miss Pauline Miller read from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Miss Teresa Cahill, soprano, Miss Penelope Walker, mezzo-soprano, and Mr Benjamin Luxon, baritone, accompanied by the Guildhall Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Mr Howard Williams, sang Mozart's "Terzettino — Soave sia il vento" from *Così fan tutte*. Miss Janice Graham, co-principal second violin, London Symphony Orchestra, played Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" accompanied by the chamber orchestra. The chamber orchestra, conducted by Mr Williams played the world premiere of Roger Steptoe's "Cheers! (In memoriam Allen Percival)" and the String Quartet from Wells Cathedral School played Delius's "Late Swallows".

Weekend birthdays



Barbra Streisand, the actress, is 51 today

TODAY: Sir Bernard Audley, founder, AGB Research, 69; Mr Ralph Brown, sculptor, 65; Field Marshal Lord Carver, 78; Sir Bernard Caulfield, former High Court judge, 79; Mr J.E.H. Collins, former chairman, Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group, 70; Sir Gordon Cox, chemist, 87; Mr Justice Cresswell, former Chairman of the Bar, 49; the Earl of Eldon, 56; Sir Clement Freud, former MP and writer, 69; Dame Helen Gardiner, former chief clerk, Private Secretary's Office, Buckingham Palace, 92; Mr John Harvey, former MP, 73; Mr Richard Jarman, managing director, Scottish Opera, 44; Admiral Sir Rae McKaig, 71; Miss Shirley Maclaine, actress, 59; Sir Hugh Park, former High Court judge, 83; Mr Stuart Pearce, footballer, 31; Mr Joseph Rank, honorary president, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 75; Miss Bridget Riley, artist, 62; Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Townend, founder, Hill House International Junior School, 84; Mr John Williams, guitarist, 52.

TOMORROW: Mr Eric Bristow, darts player, 36; Sir Robin Cater, former chairman, Distillers Company, 74; Mr Anthony Christopher, trades unionist, 68; Mr David de Peyer, director-general, Cancer Research Campaign, 59; Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, former chairman, Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 73; Dr T.E. Faber, director, Faber and Faber (Publishers), 66; Miss Ella Fitzgerald, jazz singer, 75; Lord Gladwyn, 93; Sir Francis Graham-Smith, former Astronomer Royal, 70; Lord Hayter, 82; the Earl of Lichfield, 54; Lady Marre, former chairman, BBC and IBA Central Appeals Advisory Committee, 73; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson, 63; Judge Marian Norrie, 53; Mr Al Pacino, actor, 53; Judge Helen Paling, 60; Mr David Shepherd, artist, 62; Lord Skidelsky, 54; Mrs Linda Stone, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 42; Mr Peter Sutherland, chairman, Allied Irish Banks, 47; Mrs V.E. Sutherland, diplomat, 54.

Dinners

Army Board

General Sir David Ramsbotham, the Adjutant General, accompanied by Lady Ramsbotham, attended a dinner given by the Army Board last night in London in honour of his forthcoming retirement. General Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the General Staff, was host.

Royal Society of St George

Dr Peter Hardwick, Chairman of the Council of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, accompanied by Miss Deborah Hardwick, presided at the St George's Day dinner held last night at Guildhall. Mr Graham Dowson proposed to toast to "England and St George". Judge Verney, Recorder of London, Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, branch president, and the Rev Basil Watson also spoke. Messages from The Queen, patron of the society, and the Lord Mayor were read out.

Naval and Military Club

Commander James Ekins, Chairman of the Naval and Military Club, presided at a St George's Day dinner held last night at the club. Sir Colin Cole, President of the Royal Society of St George, proposed the toast to "England and St George". Mr Leslie Weller, vice-chairman of the club, also spoke.

Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce

Sir Ronald Halstead, Deputy Chairman of British Steel and President of the Engineering Industries Association, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce Annual Export Awards Dinner held on Thursday, April 22. Mr A.J. Duff was in the chair.

Service dinners

East Surrey Regiment

Colonel G.G. Strong presided at a dinner held last night at Simpson's-in-the-Strand for Officers who served in the East Surrey Regiment.

45 Field Regiment Royal Artillery

On the occasion of the 42nd anniversary of the Battle of the River Imjin, the Officers, Warrant Officers and SNCOs of 45 Field Regiment Royal Artillery held their final dinners and memorial services as a serving regiment at Larkhill and Woolwich yesterday. The Guest of Honour in the Officers' Mess was the Master Gunner St James's Park, General Sir Martin Farndale, KCB. Other guests included the Mayor of Wakefield, Councillor F. Hodgson, and both dinners were attended by many former members of the regiment. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel J.J. Keeling, and the RSM, WO1 J.F. MacAlpine, presided in the respective messes.

RAF Strike Command

Group Captain O.D.L. Delany presided at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at Headquarters Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe.

Luncheons

Royal Society of St George

The Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex was a speaker at the St George's Day luncheon of the Sussex branch of the Royal Society of St George held yesterday at the Pebble Beach, Angmering-on-Sea. Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Bury, branch chairman, presided and General Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner St James's Park, proposed the toast to "England and St George".

Baroness Vickers

The Indonesian Ambassador called on Baroness Vickers at her Wiltshire home yesterday, and, on behalf of the President of Indonesia, invested her with the Bintang Jasa Utama. Subsequently Lady Vickers held a luncheon party for members of the Indonesian Embassy, the Anglo-Indonesian Society and friends.

200 Club

The 200 Club, on behalf of the London Irish Rugby Football Club, held a luncheon at the Banqueting and Conference Centre, Shoe Lane, yesterday to present the London Irish Challenge trophy for rugby writers, "The Leprechaun", to Mr Brendan Gallagher, on behalf of this year's winner, Mr John Mason. Mr Pat Barragry, chairman of the rugby club, presided and Mr Barry Newcombe, Rugby Union Writers' Club, also spoke.

Retirement

Judge Johnson retired yesterday from the Circuit Bench on the North Eastern Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.G. Bjarnason and Miss R.L. Wood

The engagement is announced between Haraldur, elder son of the late Mr B. Gudmundsson and of Mrs M. Athalsteinsdottir, of Reykjavik, and Rebecca, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Wood, of Oxford.

Mr H.C. Bellingham, MP and Miss E. Whiteley

The engagement is announced between Henry, son of the late Mr Henry Bellingham and of Mrs Ian Baillie, and Emma, daughter of Mr Peter and Lady Angela Whiteley.

Mr J.W. Collett and Miss S.E. Potter

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Collett, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Suzanne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Potter, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr D.J. Durkan and Miss V.M. Ellis

The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mrs Ann Durkan, of Hookers Farm, Twineham, and Virginia, daughter of the late Mr Derek Ellis and of Mrs Derek Ellis, of Round Trip, Maplehurst, West Sussex.

Mr N.J. Granger and Miss T. Wilkes

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr John Arthur Granger, of Sherman, Connecticut, USA, and Mrs Diane Yvonne Granger, of Broadway, Gloucester, and Tracey, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Robert Wilkes, of Penn, Wolverhampton.

Mr A.W. Hall and Miss C.T. Reid

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard William Hall, of Trelleck Grange, Gwent, and Clare Thérèse, daughter of Dr Edgar Richard Reid and the late Mrs Nora Patricia Reid, of Perth, Western Australia.

Mr D.A.P. King and Miss R.A. Seymour

The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr and Mrs A.G.B. King, of Lutterworth, Leicestershire, and Rebecca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Seymour, of Cleethorpes, South Humberside.

Mr C.L.J. Lamotte and Miss S.C. Grinling

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs John Lamotte, of Ford, Mid Lothian, and Siobhan (Bornie), daughter of Mr and Mrs Christian Grinling, of Upper Beeding, West Sussex.

Mr R.M.A. Sidi and Miss H.F. Bowden

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. Sidi, of Hale, Cheshire, and Hilary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Bowden, of Lostock, Bolton, Lancashire.

Mr C.M.F. White and Miss J.B. Cearns

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald White, of St Flovier, Loches, France, and Juliet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cearns, of Newton St Loe, Bath.

Mr M.G. Wilde and Miss M. Pazos-Crespo

The engagement is announced between Maria, daughter of Manuel and Carmen Pazos-Nores, of Marin, Spain, and Michael, son of Gordon and Irene Wilde, of Auckland, New Zealand. A romantic proposal was made and accepted at the Seville cathedral.

Mr A.C. Wilkinson and Miss P.L. Hawkins

The engagement is announced between Alex, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Wilkinson, of Corsham, Wiltshire, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hawkins, of Edithmead, Somerset.

Marriage

Mr E.R.V. Buckley and Miss J.K. Hancock

The marriage took place on Tuesday at Chelsea Old Church, London of Mr Edward Buckley, to Miss Justine Hancock.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr Ian Hancock, was attended by Sophie Hancock, Jake Bretherton and Amy St Johnston. Mr Augustus Christie was best man.

The reception was held at La Tante Claire and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C.J. Hodson and Mrs D.J. Gemmel

The marriage took place in London on April 19, of Mr Christopher Hodson to Mrs Jean Gemmel.

Appointment of Recorders

The following to be Recorders on the North Eastern Circuit:

Robert Bartfield, Simon Nicholas Bourne-Arton, Eric Alan Elliott, Rodney Arandall Grant, Julian Philip Norman Hallam, Henry Mark Harrod, David Peter Hunt, David Charles Mitchell, Robert Jeffrey Moore, Michael George Currer Moorhouse, John Wesley Tinnion, Christopher Thomas Walton.

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, Rev J H R de Sausmarez; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Ives), Holy is the true light (Harris), Rev Dr C A Lewis; 3.15 E, Responses (Clucas), Jesus Service (Mathias), Almighty God, who hast instructed (Tomkins); 6.30 Service to celebrate the bicentenary of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Bishop of Dover.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch, Impromptu No.1 (Nicholson), Wadely in F minor, Bread of heaven, Postlude in E minor (Wadely), Canon Rex Chapman; 3 E attended by Prayer Book Society, Responses (Walsh), Sumsion in A, Rise, heart (Vaughan Williams), Prelude on Hyfrydol (Vaughan Williams); 6.30 NP, Rev Margaret Marsh.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Te Deum in A flat (Harris), If ye be risen with Christ (Anon), Canon Pedley; 11.30 HC, Missa super "Cum iucunditate", Canon Hodgson; 2 Northumbrian Area Baden-Powell Scout Association Annual Parade Service; 3.30 E, Sumsion in G, The Lord is King (Boyce). Organ: Toccata in B flat minor (Vierne).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Messe Cunce memoire (Lassus), Christ our paschal lamb (Sheppard). *Organ:* Symphony No.6 (Widor), Vice Dean; 3.45 E, Preces (Clucas), Hand in E, Lord thou hast been our refuge (Vaughan Williams).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Sung Euch, Haydn in G, Priests make offerings (Byrd), Ven Ian Stanes, Archdeacon of Loughborough; 2.30 City Scouts Annual Parade Service; 4 Choral E, Responses (Reading/Ireland), Let all the angels of God worship him (Handel), Walmisley in D minor, O be joyful in the Lord (Walton).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Sumsion in F, Jesu the very thought of thee (Bairstow), The Precentor; 11.15 M, Responses (Smith), Stanford in B flat, Os Justi (Bruckner); 12.30 HC; 2 St George's Day Parade Service; 3.45 E, Responses (Leighton), O clap your hands (Gibbons), Canon Michael Hanner.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch; 9 Parish Euch, Rev Boon-Hor Khoo; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Creed (Merbecke), Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), The Canon in Residence; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Festal E, St Mark's Service (Gerald Near), Dum transisset sabbatum (Taverner); 6.30 Parish Evensong & Sermon, The Dean.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Ireland in C, See, see, the word is incarnate (Gibbons), Canon Bruce Duncan; 3 Boys' Brigade Service; 6.30 E, Stanford in C, This joyful Eastertide (Woodward), Rev Robert Lawrence.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Schubert in G, I got me flowers (Vaughan Freeman), Christ being raised from the dead (Moore), Bishop Simon Phipps; 3 E (with installation of Canon Missioner), Stanford in G, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Bishop of Southwark.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Deacon; 10 Sung Euch, Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert), Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Exultate Justi (Viadana), Organ: Marche Pontificale (Widor), Canon Deryck Davey; 6 E, Responses (Smith), Brewer in D, If we believe that Jesus died (Goss), Organ: Fanfare (Whitlock), The Treasurer.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, *Mass for four voices* (Byrd), Ven C E Thomas, Archdeacon of Wells; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat, Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon); 3 E, Watson in E, Hail, gladdening light (Wood), Rev S R Cutt.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Smith), Short Service (Gibbons), Gloria in excelsis Deo (Weelkes), Ann Morisy; 11.15 Abbey Euch (St Margaret's Church), Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Rev Jeremy Caddick; 11.45 Anzac Day Commemoration Service, Rev Barrie Hibbert; 3 E, Responses (Tallis), Sumsion in G, Haec dies (Handl), Canon Anthony Harvey; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Rev Michael Hayes.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, Missa Cum jubilo (Josquin), Haec dies (Handl), Exaltabo te, Deus (Campra), Pange lingua (Titelouze); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (plainsong), Laudem dicite Deo (Sheppard), Laus (Pavlet).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), O Nata Lux (Tallis), Canon Ronald Metcalfe; 11.30 M, Responses (Sumsion), Collegium Regale (Howells); 4 E, Responses (Byrd), First Service (Weelkes), Alleluia, I heard a voice (Weelkes), Canon Ralph Mayland.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral M, Responses (Byrd), Britten in C, Te Deum (Britten in E), Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Rev Shirley Griffiths.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Fr A Barratt.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, The Minister; 10 HC, Gloria in excelsis (Stanford), The Minister; 11.30 MS, Hold in affection Jesus Christ (Bach), The Minister; St Giles' at 6, Queen Anne's High School, Dunfermline; 8 ES & HC, Rev Dr J Philip Newell.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Sumsion), Te Deum, Jubilate (Britten in C), Canon John Halliburton; 11.30 HC, Missa Paschalis (Leopolita), In Monte Oliveti (Zielenski); 3.15 E, The Second Service (Tomkins), My beloved spake (Tomkins), Rev Timothy Thornton, Bishop of London.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Harwood in A flat, Walking in a Garden (arr. Lighthand), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Bairstow in G, Blessed be the God, Rev G Greig.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Welcome sweet and sacred feast (Finzi), The Vicar; 6 E & B, St Paul's Service (Howells), Blessed City (Bairstow), Rev C L Geake.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Christopher Hobbs; 6.30 Dr Leighton Ford, Choir Anthem "The Heavens are telling" (Haydn).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Love is come again (anon), Sicut cervus (Palestrina).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Rev Patience Purchas, *Exultate Jubilate* (Mozart); 12 HC; 6 E, Rev P Elvy.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Ives), Cantate Domino (Doppelbauer), Laudate Dominum (Mozart).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Victimae paschali (Byrd), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Laetentur caeli (Byrd).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Arthur Harris.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC (English & Polish), Bishop Jan Szarek, Church of the Augsburg Confession, Poland; 7 Jazz Vespers, St Anne's Jazz Choir & Jazz Trio.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Britten in C, Make ye joy to God (Byrd), The Rector; 6.30 E, Moeran in D, Rejoice in the Lord (Redford), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Stanford in B flat (Jubilate), Batten short service; Haec dies (Wood), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Sumsion), Stanford in C, Haec dies (Byrd), In exitu Israel (Wesley), Organ: Toccata in F (Bach), Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 M, Jubilate (Walford Davies), Hallelujah Chorus (Handel), Rev A T R Goode; 12.15 HC.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 & 3 HC, Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 All-age Service of Worship.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Missa semplicitate (Langlais), Ave verum (Faure).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Short Service (Batten), Pater Noster (Stravinsky), The Rector.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), O praise the Lord (Batten), Teach me, O Lord (Byrd), Organ: Heut triumphiret Gottes Sohn (Bach); 11.30 Visitors Service, Responses (Rose), Benedicite in G (Jackson), Organ: Praeludium in G minor (Buxtehude); 5 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Wesley in E, We wait for Thy loving kindness (McKie), Organ: Choral Song (Wesley); 6.30 ES.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Quand lo pens (Lassus), Fr Alan Grainge; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Four part voices (Byrd), With a voice of singing (Shaw); 6 HC with laying on of hands.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa St Joannis de Deo (Haydn), Haec dies (Arcadelt), Rev Richard McLaren.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M, Rise up, my love, my fair one (Willan), Responses (Clucas), Te Deum & Jubilate (Nares in F), Ye boundless realms of joy (Handel).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), The Lord is my Shepherd (Wise), Rev Barzillai Beckerleg.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC, 10 Family Euch; 11 Solemn Euch, Mass in four parts (Byrd), Rev Fr D B Tillyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa à 5 (Cererols), Surgens Jesus (Philips), Victimae Paschali (Byrd); 6 EP & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Rise, Heart, thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams), Ven E J G Ward.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Ireland in C, The day draws on (Bairstow); 3.30 E, This is the day (Anon 16C), Harwood in A flat, In exitu Israel (Wesley).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Paschalis (Lassus), Surgens Jesus (Philips).

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Stanford in B flat), I was glad (Parry), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Tomkins), Te Deum (Britten in E), Jubilate, If ye be risen again with Christ (Gibbons).

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 HC, Stanford in C, Christ the Lord is risen, The Creed (Merbecke), The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), Stanford Coronation in B flat, Organ: Fiddle Fugue in D minor (Bach).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, God be in my head (Rutter), Te Deum, Beatus vir (Monteverdi), Organ: Coronation (Meyerbeer), Rev K R Joyce (Band of The Irish Guards); 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, Lord I trust thee (Handel), Teach me Lord (Attwood), The Chaplain.

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A bishop, therefore, must be above reproach, husband of one wife, sober temperate, courteous, hospitable and a good teacher.
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BIRTHS

CAPSTICK - Née James. Katie and Anthony are pleased to announce the arrival of their son William Charles Dennis on Saturday 20th March 1993, a brother for Thomas.

DODD - On 18th April 1993 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Veronica (née Cuningham) and Charles, a daughter, Melanie Clare.

DODGE - On 20th April 1993, to Marianne (née Richards) and Peter, a daughter, Emily Christina Alice.

ELLIS - On 22nd April at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Anne (née O'Connor) and Clive, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for Jack.

ELSMORE DODSWORTH - In Norwich on 19th April, to Felicity and Simon, a son.

FALCONER - On 13th April, to Ursula (née Brooke Johnson) and Toby, two sons, Pom and Alexander, and a daughter, Flora.

JERVIS - On April 18th, in Tokyo, to Harriet (née Stevens) and David, a daughter, Laetitia Rose, a sister for Phoebe.

LIPFRIEND - On April 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Pam and Rob, a daughter, Charlotte Mary, a sister for Katie.

LONG - On 22nd April, to Lizzie (née Maude) and James, a daughter, Cecilia Grace, a sister for Catherine, Felicity and Matilda.

MacDERMOT - On April 22nd, in Edinburgh, to Henry and Catriona (née Allan), a son, James Hugh.

PINNEGAR - On 15th April, to Anne-Noelle (née Tamplin) and David, a son, Thomas Lyndon Aenaes, a brother for George.

SHAH - On April 18th at The Portland Hospital to Alpna and Laxmikant, a baby girl.

WARMAN - On 21st April to Clare and Jamie, a son, Archie, a brother for India and Grace.

WHITEHEAD - On 22nd April to Haydn and Ceridwen, weighing in at 3lb 1oz, Lucy Emma. Nice one. Love Uncle Carl.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

KIMBER:BROTHERTON - On April 24th 1943 in Alloa, Derek to Gwen. Now at Virginia Water.

DEATHS

AGLEN - On 22nd April 1993 after a short illness, Edward Francis Aglen MBE, late of the Sudan Political Service. Memorial Service at St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh 2.30 pm Tuesday 27th April. No flowers please.

CARTWRIGHT - On 22nd April peacefully at home, Anthony Thomas. Greatly loved father of Sarah and Emma, much loved by his family and many friends. Service at St Andrew's Church, Dent, Cumbria on Wednesday 28th April at 1 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Cancer Care c/o JJ Martin, Funeral Directors, Olmonds, Gawthorp, Dent, Cumbria 0539 625334

CUMMINGS - Gundrede. On April 23rd 1993 aged 87 peacefully at Bon Secour Hospital, Cork. Funeral Innishannon Monday 2.45pm. Enquiries to Jerh O'Connor: Tel 021 807 711.

DICKINS - Alice Robertson (née Dunn), on 22nd April 1993, aged 93, peacefully at Arundel Hospital, widow of Harold, late of Pinner and London W1, much loved mother of John, Bill and Jill and fond grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral private.

DRURY - On April 21st, Peter, peacefully at the Salisbury District Hospital. Funeral Service at St. John's Church, Tisbury, Thursday 29th April at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations to NSPCC c/o Chris White Funeral Director, 6 Bonham Close, Wishford, Tel: Salisbury (0722) 790750

ERSKINE - James, late of Kotagiri, South India, died peacefully at Coxhill Manor Nursing Home, Chobham, Surrey on 21st April in his 100th year. Beloved father of John, Janet and Jane. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium at 11.30 am Thursday 29th April. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The Salvation Army c/o Cyril H. Lovegrove, 32 Guildford Rd., Woking, Surrey, GU22 7QQ.

FITZGERALD - Michael on 22nd April peacefully at St. John's Hospice, London NW8, husband of Eve and brother of Joe. Service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) Hoop Lane London NW11 on Wednesday 28th April at 3.45 pm. Flowers may be sent or donations for St. John's Hospice to A. France & Son, 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3NH. Tel: 071 405 4901

GENOUX - On April 23rd 1993 in The Westminster and Chelsea Hospital, Christopher aged 39 years, very much loved son of Pierre and Leslie and brother to Philip. The Funeral Service will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Wednesday 28th April at 3.00 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Body Positive London, c/o James & Thomas Ltd, Mill Road Cobham, Surrey KT11 3AL.

HELSDIG - George, peacefully at The Royal Hallamshire Hospital on April 22nd aged 77 years. Much loved husband of Janet and father of Anna and Nicholas. Service and cremation at City Road Crematorium on Wednesday April 28th at 9.00 am. Flowers or donations made payable to The Scanner Fund at The Royal Hallamshire Hospital may be sent to Wood Funeral Service, 848 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield S11 8TP.

HOOD - On April 22nd, peacefully at home in Poole, Julia Mary, much loved wife of Rear Admiral John (Ian) Hood and greatly loved mother of James, Timothy and Matthew and grandmother to Viviane, Catherine and Gabrielle. Funeral at Poole Crematorium on April 29th at 12 noon. Flowers or donations, if preferred, for The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32/34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset. Tel: 0202 673164.

HUNT - Emeritus Professor Hugh Hunt C.B.E., M.A. On April 22nd 1993 peacefully at his home Gae Terfyn Criccieth aged 81 years. Much loved husband of Janet and loving father of Caroline and Sam, fondest grandfather of Nicholas. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Llanystumdwy at 2.00 pm on Tuesday April 27th followed by interment at Llanystumdwy New Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu gracefully accepted if desired towards St John's Church, Llanystumdwy, per Canon W Jones, The Rectory, Llanystumdwy. Further enquiries to Henry Jones Funeral Directors, 2 Chapel Terrace, Criccieth. Tel: 0766 522854.

IRWIN - John Richard. On April 22nd suddenly, much loved husband of Jane and father of Jake. Funeral at Dauntsey Church on Tuesday April 27th at 11.30 am. Any flowers to Dauntsey Church.

LIEBSTER - On April 22nd 1993 peacefully, Olga, in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Harold, mother of Leonie and devoted Grandmother of Jonathan and Alexis. Great-Grandmother of Michal and Nicholas. She will be sadly missed by a wide circle of family and friends. Funeral at 3 pm at Streatham Jewish Cemetery, Rowan Road, SW16, on Monday, 26th April. Prayers at 8 pm on Monday and Tuesday at 7 Hendon House, NW4. Many thanks to the physicians, nurses and staff of The Royal Free Hospital for devoted and professional care.

MACDONALD - Barbara Woodthorpe (née Peddie), wife of the late John F.S. MacDonald, gently on Wednesday 21st April 1993. Dear mother of James, Alison and Duncan and loved grandmother. Service at The Church of St Nicholas, Cottesmore, Rutland on Wednesday 28th April at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Flowers, or donations to the R.N.L.B., if wished, c/o Fords of Oakham, Church Street, Oakham (0572-722654).

MARKER - On 22nd April, peacefully at home, Rosemary Grace Marker, Widow of Richard Raymond Kitchener Marker, much loved aunt of Waveney Jenkins and Richard Devitt. Funeral to be arranged. Family flowers only.

MERYON - On April 22nd suddenly in hospital when terminally ill, John, husband of the late Cecilia, dearly loved father of Alison, Sylvia, Edward and brother of Peter. Friend and advisor to so many, a generous host. Funeral on Friday April 30th at St. Mary's Church, Oatlands, 2.00 pm, then to Guildford Crematorium at 3.00 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Sam Beare Ward, Weybridge Hospital, KT13 8DY.

PARE - On April 21st peacefully at home in Winchester after a long illness bravely borne, Phyllis Millicent (née Truman) aged 76 beloved wife of David, dear mother of Vivian and Richard and grandmother of Alexander, William, Emily, Arabella and Rosamunde. Funeral Service in Winchester Cathedral (Epiphany Chapel) on Tuesday April 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Children's Society c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester SO23 8HU

PEARSON - Felice (Felix) of Kensington, London W8. On 18th April in Warwick Hospital after a long and painful illness impatiently borne and stoutly resisted. Funeral at 2 pm, 29th April, St. Mary Abbots Church, Kensington Church Street, London W8, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations in memory of Felix to The National Trust, Neptune in Wales, c/o Hollingworth & Co., Solicitors, 19 Pitt St. London W8 4NX.

PETTER - Rita Aitken aged 78 at Kiftilian Nursing Home on 22nd April, beloved wife, mother and grandmother of Geoffrey (husband), Hugh (son), Oliver and William (grandchildren). Cremation at Amersham Crematorium, at 4.30 pm on Friday 30th April. Family flowers only, donations to ARC, c/o Metcalfe, High Street, Berkamsted.

RUSSELL On 20th April 1993, at St. Francis Nursing Home, Braintree, peacefully, Elma Mary, late of Ingatestone, much loved aunt, great aunt and great great aunt. Cremation service (private) at Chelmsford Crematorium at 11.30am on Tueday 27th April. Memorial Service at The Parish Church of St. Edmund and St. Mary, Ingatestone at 3.00pm on Thursday 6th May.

SCOTT - On Wednesday 21st April peacefully at home, Lt. Col. Sinclair Robert Grant (Robin) late Royal Engineers, aged 88 years. Dearly loved husband of Dixie, father of Vindo and Julia and grandfather of Simon, Guy and Marcus. Funeral private. All enquiries to Harvey Darke. Tel 0787 61138.

SILVERWOOD-COPE - On April 22nd 1993 peacefully at Merlewood Nursing Home, Virginia Water, Maclachlan Alan Carl, aged 77. Beloved husband of Jane, much loved father of Harriet, Peter, Olivia and William and devoted grandfather of Julian, Karen, Felipe and Sippi. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Winkfield on Thursday April 29th at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Parkinsons Disease Society, c/o Lines Bannister, 69 High St., Ascot, Berks.

WATKINS - On April 22nd, suddenly at home, Cmdr Robin (G.R.G.) Watkins, husband of the late Daphney and beloved of sons Christopher, Nicholas, and Timothy. The Funeral Service will be held at 2.30 pm on Friday 30th April at Castle Combe Church, Wiltshire.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BURKITT - The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Dr. Denis Burkitt will be held at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London, W1 at 2 pm on Wednesday 12th May.

PHYTHIAN - A Celebration for the life of Brian Arthur Phythian will be held at 3.00 pm. on Saturday 22nd May 1993 at The Langley Park School for Boys, Beckenham, Kent.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

BAKER - T. Harry. The Chatham Battalion R.M.L.I. on 28th April, we remember him and his comrades the ANZACS who fell at Gallipoli 1915.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BRUXNER - Mervyn, died 25th April 1973. For twenty long years I have thought of you every single day. Still 'in all love and affection to you most addicted'. Moggy.

TAIT - In loving memory of Dorothy M. Tait who died April 26th 1985 in her 92nd year. Still missed. Cyril.

WILBRAHAM - Jonathan killed a year ago today in a road accident. Deeply loved and sadly missed by us all.

WITT - Rex. Died in Athens 24th April 1980. Loved and respected. Mary, Richard and Clemency.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

CORDANI, INES ISOLA MARIA, 82 Cavendish Road, Colliers Wood, London SW19. Died 6th October 1991. Particulars to Piper Smith & Basham (Ref: CO26.3 MS.SM. CORDANI), Solicitors, 31 Warwick Square, London SW1V 2AF Before 3rd July 1993.

CUTHBERT, MARY of Yartleton House, May Hill, Longhope, Gloucestershire died on 16th January 1993. Particulars to LUTTONS Solicitors of 88 Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JS before 25th June 1993.

PENBERTHY, BRENDA MARY of OLD FOX COTTAGE, HEATH END ROAD, Great Kingshill, Buckinghamshire died on 1st February 1993 Particulars to B P Collins & Co., Solicitors of COLLINS HOUSE, 32/38 Station Road, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, SL9 8EL before 25th June 1993.

TRUSTEE ACTS

IN THE ESTATE OF KOFOWOROLA ABENI PRATT DECEASED
Pursuant to
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Any person having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of Kofoworola Abeni Pratt Deceased late of 33 Ademola Street, South West Ikoyi Lagos Nigeria who died on 18th June 1992 whose will is being proved by the Executors therein named is required to send particulars thereof in writing to us the undersigned on or before the expiry of two months from the date of this notice after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to valid claims then notified.
Dated this 19th day of April 1993.
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MALCOLM JOHN BEARD, DECEASED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of Malcolm John Beard deceased formerly an Underwriter at Lloyds late of 14 Hall Lane, Shenfield, Essex who until his death was a partner in the firm of S.A. Meacock & Company of 14 Fenchurch Avenue, London EC3 and who died on the 13th day of February 1993 and whose Will dated the 8th day of February 1990 appointed David Gordon Taylor Rea and Arthur Michael Lightowler as Executors are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or interest to the undersigned by the 28th June 1993 after which the Executors will distribute the Estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
Dated: 19th April 1993
Wortley Byers, 38 Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AX, Solicitors for the Executors

RIMMER, JOAN ETHEL of South Croydon died on 23rd March 1993. Particulars to Rawlence & Hart Solicitors of 53 Chatsworth Road, Croydon CR9 1LE reference: MDH before 30th June 1993.

WITHERS, MRS. ALICE ELIZABETH of 67 Roxburgh Road, West Norwood, London S.E. 27 died on 15th January 1993: Particulars to Thompson Quarrell Solicitors of 38 Essex Street, London WC2R 3BE, before 25th June 1993.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KHURI - The family of the late Erica Khuri wish to thank those who so kindly sent messages of sympathy and the Greek Orthodox Church and Little Theatre Dar es Salaam whose help was momentous at the time of our grievous loss. Erica will never be forgotten.

BIRTHDAYS

BARBARA NICHOLLS Many happy returns. With love from all your Fans.

HARRY ROSS who cheered millions in Dick Barton and Oklahoma, and strode the stage from Drury Lane to Stratford is 80 today. His fans, sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren send their congratulations and love.

SAWYERS - Happy 18th Birthday, darling Yemi. Love from Mummy and Tolu.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

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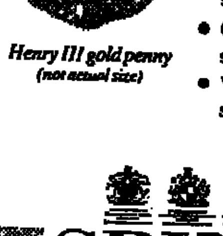
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OBITUARIES

ANDRIES TREURNICHT

Andries Treurnicht, leader of the South African Conservative party and former cabinet minister, died in Cape Town on April 22 aged 72. He was born in Pikefburg, Cape Province, on February 19, 1921.



THE ESSENCE of Andries Treurnicht's political philosophy was simply that "grand" apartheid cannot exist without "small" or "petty" apartheid. It was set out in his book, *Credo van 'n Afrikaner*, a blueprint for Afrikaner conservatism: "If small apartheid is completely eliminated, big apartheid becomes superfluous, stupid and unnecessary."

Yet the image of the uncompromising ideologue had lately appeared to soften and the Conservative party he formed 11 years ago in protest over the reformist moves initiated by P. W. Botha had latterly, albeit reluctantly, become involved in the multi-party constitutional negotiations. He could justify this with another extract from his credo: "Borders (between the races) must not be without gates that can be opened or without bridges that make contact possible."

Treurnicht, dubbed "Dr No", was the man blamed for South Africa's worst black riots in 1976. As deputy minister of Bantu Administration and Education he refused to drop Afrikaans as an education medium in black schools despite warnings of rising resentment from community leaders. On June 16, 1976, police opened fire on protesting students in Soweto and unleashed a bloodbath that spread nationwide.

Treurnicht's ultimate "No" came in 1982 when he led a dramatic walk-out of right-wing MPs from the National party's parliamentary caucus, resigned from the cabinet and founded the Conservative party with a declared commitment to God, the Bible and white supremacy at a rally at the Skilpad (Tortoise) Hall in the Pretoria Showgrounds. At the last general election in 1987 it became the official Opposition in the white House of Assembly but saw a number of defections since, principally over the negotiation issue, to the breakaway Afrikaner Volksunie.

Andries Petrus Treurnicht was one of nine children of a poor Afrikaner farmer. His mother Hester was a pillar of the Church and was, from an early age, a strong moral influence on Treurnicht's life. If she caught him slipping out of the house for a swim on a Sunday morning instead of studying the Bible in his bedroom, he could be sure of a sharp slap on the face.

Andries was the brightest of the Treurnicht brood. Hence, what spare money there was in the family went towards his education. After leaving the local high school he passed into the University of Stellenbosch, that great shrine of Afrikanerdom. During the war years he was completing his degree after which he undertook postgraduate studies at Stellenbosch Theological seminary. Later, his PhD thesis at Cape Town University — on the theories of the Dutch Theologian/politician Dr Abraham Kuyper on the relations between Church and state — set the seal on his religious, social and theological philosophies. Kuyper argued the doctrine of "sovereignty in one's own sphere" as a justification for government interference in religious education. This and Kuyper's emphasis on the God-ordained differences between nationalities were seized on by Treurnicht and nationalists like him to justify the procedures of apartheid.

In 1946 Treurnicht was appointed a minister of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (Dutch Reformed Church), the establishment Afrikaner church. He became editor of the church's weekly newspaper, *Die Kerkbode* (Church Messenger), in 1960, a crucial year for South Africa with a state of emergency in force following the Sharpeville massacre and the outlawing of the African National Congress.

More particularly, for churchmen it was the year of the Cottesloe conference of South African churches affiliated to the World Council of Churches and Treurnicht played a prominent role in hounding the Dutch Reformed Church representatives who supported the conference's strong anti-apartheid stance. As a result the Dutch Reformed Church resigned from the World Council of Churches.

Treurnicht's rise in church ranks was rapid as it was in the *Broederbond*, the Afrikaner secret society; for two years he was its chairman. In 1967 he was invited by John Vorster, then prime minister, to become editor of a new Pretoria Afrikaans daily newspaper, *Hoofstad* (Capital City), from which he promoted the conservative point of view at all levels — politically, theologically, academically and culturally.

But when a small group of right-wing Nationalists broke away from Vorster's government in 1970 to form the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP), Treurnicht refused to go with them and they never forgave him. The following year he was elected to parliament after defeating the HNP candidate in a by-election.

As an MP he was tireless, travelling hundreds of miles a month to address Nationalist meetings throughout the country and never missing an opportunity to voice subtle but clear reservations over the government's tentative moves to soften apartheid. It was an intensity he maintained throughout his leadership of the Conservative party. After Vorster fell from power and was succeeded by P. W. Botha, Treurnicht became leader of the National party in the Transvaal and although Botha did not like him he had no choice but to elevate the leader of the most powerful province in the country to the cabinet. He was given the most junior post — minister of public works and tourism.

Treurnicht openly opposed a mixed parliament or cabinet and campaigned against integrated rugby football in an annual competition for schoolboys. Botha repeatedly rebuked Treurnicht for treating blacks as "lepers" until in 1982 the tensions between the two exploded and Treurnicht walked out of the National party caucus with 21 other members to form the Conservative party which subsequently became the official opposition. "Any person", Treurnicht had declared in 1976, the year of the Soweto uprising, "who overlooks the big racial differences in South Africa suffers from colour blindness". Under Treurnicht the Conservatives envisaged South Africa being divided along race lines into one Indian, one Coloured and ten black homelands, with the rest of the country being given up to the whites.

But though, at times, it seemed to some that the Conservatives might conceivably topple the National party, its day was in reality over. Its influence suffered a terminal blow last March when whites voted overwhelmingly in favour of a referendum to support de Klerk's fundamental reforms. Treurnicht's own performances began to seem lacklustre, and his party seemed confused as its extreme positions were shown to have been manifestly untenable in the face of historical inevitability.

He leaves his widow Engela and four daughters.

MILES CLARK

Miles Clark, yachtsman, explorer and writer, died suddenly on April 17 aged 32. He was born on November 3, 1960.



THE first westerner since the Vikings to make the voyage from the Arctic to the Black Sea through Russia, Miles Clark was a young adventurer in the mould of his namesake and godfather, the explorer Brigadier Miles Smeeton.

Clark was not only Smeeton's godson but his biographer. The Smeetons (Miles's wife Beryl was something of a Freya Stark) had met in 1933 and quickly formed a formidable travelling partnership which lasted for 46 years. At one point in their travels, they befriended Wallace Clark, Miles Clark's similarly inclined father.

When Miles Clark started work on the biography, at 27, his only other book had been about sky-diving. Initially wary of tackling a subject so close to home, he quickly became fascinated with the couple. Three years later, in 1991, *High Endeavours* appeared, and was well-received by critics, both for its perceptive insights into the mind of Smeeton, and for its colourful sweep of social history.

Miles Clark was born in Upperlands, Co Derry, Northern Ireland, into a family of linen manufactures, sailors and journalists. His father, Wallace Clark, had managed to combine running an old family business with an impressive output as a writer on sailing and Irish history.

Clark was educated at Shrewsbury and, at the age of 17, was selected to join Operation Drake in the Panamanian rain-forest. There he became dangerously ill from heat exhaustion and had to be evacuated from the dense jungle by helicopter.

As a geography student and rowing blue at Downing College, Cambridge, he led a small college expedition to climb the volcanoes on Atka, a remote island in the Aleutian archipelago. The photographic and scientific research which helped to pay for the trip was supplemented by Clark's first attempts at travel journalism when he returned. Having left Cambridge in 1982, he joined the Army.

His first real start as an adventurer came in May the following year. As part of a 15-man crew under an old family friend, the explorer Tim Severin, Clark retraced the epic Golden Fleece voyage of Jason and the Argonauts through the Aegean and Black Seas to Soviet Georgia (although as an army officer, he was not allowed to enter Soviet territory and had to disembark at Turkey). Tempers inevitably frayed in such cramped conditions — a 52-foot galley modelled on the boats of the Bronze Age — but the trip provided Clark with the inspiration he needed.

Throwing caution to the winds on his return, he left the Army and found a job as the features editor on *Yachting Monthly* in 1985. This gave him the base from which to develop both as a journalist, providing travel features and photographs for *Vogue*, the *Financial Times* and *Country Life*, and as an explorer. In 1991, he and his father jointly reconstructed a 16th-century war galley and sailed it from Ireland to Scotland, through the Hebrides, in a highly-publicised "Lord of the Isles" expedition.

Clark's first serious captaincy came last summer, after the success of *High Endeavours*, in a four-month voyage through Russia made in the family's 10-ton, 60-year-old sailing boat, *Wild Goose*. Clark became the first Westerner to enter the White Sea Canal, the strategic waterway built by slave labour under Stalin, and thus to go the whole distance from the Arctic to the Black Sea.

His journey took him past the snowfields of northern Norway to Murmansk and thence down the Volga and Don rivers, past the monasteries and prison cells of the Solovetsky Islands, the isolated riverside settlements in the north and the badly polluted waterways of the lower Volga. For the last week, morale on board was precariously low, as one of his Russian crew waited to hear news of a family trapped in war-torn Georgia.

But the trip was a success. Sponsored by *National Geographic*, it earned him the annual award of the Ocean Cruising Club.

His last newspaper feature, on the subject of Tim Severin's forthcoming voyage across the Pacific, is published today in *The Times*'s Weekend section.

He is survived by his wife Sara and their son.

ANN HOGARTH

Ann Hogarth, puppet master best known for being the operator of Muffin the Mule, died on April 9 aged 73. She was born on July 19, 1919.



ANN HOGARTH wrote the scripts and pulled the strings for all of Muffin the Mule's many television appearances, but the star of children's hour was, in fact only one of the many puppets that Hogarth brought so vividly to life over the years.

Muffin the Mule first appeared on television in 1946 and has been a regular performer ever since. Some would claim him to be television's first star. He could be found on top of Annette Mills's grand piano every other Sunday at 5pm for eight years, and, together with his group of friends — Peregrine the Penguin, Oswald the Ostrich, Louise the Lamb — became a household name. In the role of roving British ambassador, Muffin toured Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, subsidised, somewhat controversially, by the British Council. Despite Mills's death in 1954, the show went on and Muffin's last major appearance was on the *Late Show*, in a retrospective — "The Lime Grove Story". Filmed shortly after Hogarth's 80th birthday, it seemed that the years had in no way dimmed her ability or her quick sense of humour.

Together with her husband, Jan Bussell, Hogarth travelled all over the world with their other troupe, the Hogarth Puppets. Unlike other manipulators, Hogarth was not hidden away behind curtains, but could be seen busily at work with gloves, rods and wires, while her husband discoursed on the history of a particular type of puppet from China or Java, or shared a few tricks of the trade. Despite her training at RADA, Ann was a self-conscious actress and she found in puppetry her ideal medium, the "mask" of the puppet allowing her to give life to a wide range of characters from an angry penguin to a fragile rose, and to use her formidable collection of accents and voices.

The company, founded in 1932, went from strength to strength, and performed in West End theatres as well as in much humbler venues abroad. An enormous variety of material was presented: knockabout comedy, ballets, circus, a Cubist version of *Macbeth* and even opera. All types of puppet were used, though marionettes were the favourites. Their production of Oscar Wilde's *Happy Prince*, was a particular hit.

Hogarth was a wonderful companion, fun to be with and quick to make friends. With the puppets she always knew exactly the effect that she wanted to achieve, and her timing was immaculate. To her, the show was paramount, and she sometimes found it difficult to tolerate people who did not live up to her high standards. For her outspokenness, she gained the reputation in the Puppet Guild of being "the rudest woman in England", an accolade which she rather enjoyed.

Her retirement was spent in a delightful cottage in Devon. The large barn in its grounds was immediately converted to a tiny theatre. Here, she and her husband continued to give private performances and to run courses. The many puppets they had acquired over the years were displayed in a fascinating travelling exhibition — The Hogarth Collection — now owned by the Puppet Centre.

Jan Bussell predeceased her and she is survived by their daughter.

GUIDO CARLI

Guido Carli, former Italian treasury minister and president of the Bank of Italy, died in Spoleto, Umbria, on April 22 aged 79. He was born on March 28, 1914.



GUIDO CARLI held office as treasury minister during Giuglio Andreotti's last government, from 1989 to 1992. But it is as banker rather than politician that he deserves to be remembered. Indeed, it is not too much to say that as president of the Bank of Italy from 1960 to 1975 he stood as his country's lone outpost of monetary rectitude in a world increasingly sceptical of Italy's capacity to manage its financial affairs. For those crucial 15 years he and the bank also provided a stable pillar in the shifting sands of the Italian political scene and to him is due much of the credit for Italy's remarkable economic performance in recent years.

It was a time when Italian administrations came and went at the rate of approximately one every nine months. No proper direction of the country's affairs could be looked to from government. In such circumstances the bank had to make its own policies, which often involved direct confrontation with the executive. Carli did not hesitate to raise interest rates to savage levels if occasion demanded. Repeatedly he refused to finance some of the more outrageous demands of the Italian government, chief among which was to print more money. The stability of the lira during his period of office is his testament. Officials at the International Monetary Fund at that time regarded him as all that stood between Italy and national insolvency.

He had a clarity of mind and a carelessness of criticism which enabled him to act for his country's good when others seemed paralysed into inactivity. His dramatic dash to Washington in 1964, when a particularly acute crisis threatened to knock the bottom out of the lira, was characteristic. Other EEC countries — forcibly led by General de Gaulle's France — were urging him to consider whether Italy's difficulties might not be a good moment to try to breathe some life into the Treaty of Rome's mutual aid provisions. But Carli was convinced that the untried financial mechanisms of the Six (as they then were) could not move fast enough. Taking the law into his own hands he flew to Washington and within hours had saved the currency by fixing up a massive dollar loan.

Guido Carli was born in Brescia. He read law at Padua University. In 1944 he represented Italy at the Bretton Woods conference on postwar international finance, which led to the creation of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. From 1950 to 1952 he was president of the European Payments Union, the nascent system of intra-European hard currency settlement. As the EEC developed he became a member of its Monetary Committee from the 1950s onwards.

After leaving the Bank of Italy he was invited to become president of Confindustria, the Italian version of the CBI. This was unusual for a banker, but his belief in the private sector in a country whose public sector is still a huge burden on the economy, made him much more effective than many had expected.

During the 1980s he became increasingly involved in politics (he had always been close to the Christian Democrats). He was elected to the Senate for the party in 1983 and in 1989 became treasury minister in the third of Andreotti's administrations. In this role his task was to bring to the control of public finances the same skills he had wielded at the Bank of Italy, and to prepare the country for European Monetary Union.

When Andreotti was succeeded at the general election of 1992 by Giuliano Amato, Carli, too, retired from politics.

A widower, he is survived by his son, Andrea.

JOHN MORRIS

John McLean Morris, American gynaecologist and researcher who discovered the "morning after" birth control pill, died in Woodbridge, Connecticut, on April 8 aged 78. He was born in Kuling, China, on September 1, 1914.

GROWING up in China, where his father was a Presbyterian missionary, had a profound effect on John Morris's choice of career. It was there that he witnessed the wholesale infanticide of baby girls.

The experience gave him a lifelong interest in more humane methods of population control, and launched him on the research that led to the discovery of the morning-after pill, which causes the body to eject a fertilised egg by preventing its implantation and growth in the womb. The pill, developed jointly with Dr Gertrude Van Wagenen in experiments on monkeys, was hailed in the 1960s as a major breakthrough.

Morris, who also designed new versions of the intra-uterine contraceptive device, became a leader in population control efforts and was a medical adviser to the World Health Organisation. As a professor at Yale University School of Medicine for 35 years, he developed new techniques in pelvic surgery and was an early advocate of radiation therapy for cancer.

By that time he had already established his scientific reputation, having discovered a rare sexual disorder: testicular feminisation. The condition, which came to be named after him as Morris's Syndrome, causes people born with normal male chromosomes to develop as females, because of an insensitivity to testosterone. Morris's discovery also gave insight into normal sexual development.

Morris graduated from Princeton in 1936, and gained his medical degree from Harvard four years later. During the second world war he served for four years as a lieutenant-commander in the US Navy's medical corps in the Pacific.

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PARACHUTISTS IN ACTION

From Our Special Correspondent
NORTH TUNISIAN FRONT
APRIL 22

It is now possible to do belated justice to the troops who have been one of the mainstays of the First Army throughout anxious months, but whose achievements it has, for censorship reasons, been impossible to describe. The only appearance of our parachutists before this campaign had been the brief but successful one at Bruneval.

In North Africa they have had little chance to perform their proper role. Four days after our landing at Algiers, they dropped at Bône, and took it without opposition. Four days later, another body of parachutists dropped at Souk El Arba and captured the aerodrome there. After that, apart from one drop at the beginning of December at Depienne, they have acted as infantry, and an enforced silence has descended on their doings.

The parachutists have shown themselves magnificent infantry, pre-eminent in physique and steadiness of nerve, born guerrilla fighters, mobile and tireless, tremendous marchers, and of an undefeatable spirit. In the March fighting around Tamera and Sejenane, they were the backbone, first, of a dogged defence and then, of an irresistible attack; it was they who captured Jebel Mansour at the beginning of February in a night attack, and captured Allilga as well, with 15 men, for good measure. But many of their greatest feats have been achieved in swoops and skirmishes among the hills, which kept the enemy constantly on tenterhooks.

In the second half of December and the first half of January the parachutists were playing a less mobile role, holding the sector astride the Beja-Mateur road, with French infantry and United States artillery. But they kept in their hand by sending out a succession of deep fighting patrols. Things were not going so successfully, however, in the northern sector. Sejenane had fallen and the enemy were pressing on towards Jebel Abiod. The parachutists were sent for, and on March 8 they went in at Tamera to stiffen the hard pressed defence. For a fortnight, they beat off attack after attack, re-took a position here and a position there, and brought new strength and courage to the less experienced troops who were fighting beside them.

Many things have contributed to the excellence of the parachutists as infantry. They are unusually mobile, partly because of their remarkable marching powers and partly because, by training, they are accustomed to manage with much less transport than the ordinary infantry. Their physique is well above the average, and no man becomes a parachutist unless his nerves are good. But the most important factor of all is probably their pride in themselves as a *corps d'élite*. They are young, but they have proved themselves time and time again, and the maroon beret and the winged shoulder flash are the symbols of a regimental pride which has been justified by deed.

ON THIS DAY

April 24 1943



The parachutists will always be remembered for the part they played the following year in the battle of Arnhem — the brave, but ill-fated attempt to capture the key bridges over the Rhine.

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

British commander returns fire

■ President Clinton came under growing pressure to take military action in Bosnia-Herzegovina as the British commander there personally returned fire after a rocket-propelled grenade attack on a house.

Mr Clinton felt America, Britain and France, would soon agree action, confirming that arming Bosnian Muslims and bombing Serb targets were options ..... Pages 1, 12, 14

Observer future hangs in balance

■ Informed City sources say a deal could be struck within a month between the owners of *The Independent* and Lonrho which raises fears for the future of the *Observer*, at 201 one of the world's oldest newspapers ..... Pages 1, 2

Teachers win

Teaching unions won the right in the Appeal Court to conduct a boycott of national curriculum tests as a legitimate trade dispute ..... Page 1

Take-off time

John Major said Britain was poised for take-off from the best economic platform for nearly 40 years ..... Pages 1, 10, 14, 19

Family mystery

Police and social welfare officials failed to trace a London family believed in distress after a girl, four, told a Samaritans helper on the phone her mother was unconscious ..... Pages 1, 3

Envoys missing

Jack Dodds, second secretary at the British deputy high commission in Karachi, was among three European diplomats kidnapped at gunpoint in southern Afghanistan ..... Page 1

TB emergency

The World Health Organisation has declared tuberculosis a global emergency that will kill 30 million in the next decade without immediate action ..... Page 5

Euro-pipedream

The vision of a Europe turned into a single superpower ranking with America is an unrealisable dream, according to a report to go before foreign ministers this weekend ..... Page 12

JP jailed

Cranog Jones, the magistrate convicted of trying to murder his wife in a home-made gas chamber, has been sentenced to nine years in prison ..... Page 5

Saddam attack

Kurds in safe-haven villages of northern Iraq have been attacked by Saddam Hussein's special forces according to a former British officer ..... Page 11

Shy gundog

The owner of a champion English setter bitch which became gun-shy after a road accident was awarded £4,000 damages by an Irish court ..... Page 3

Closed door could save red squirrel

■ A poisoned feedbox, with a door that grey squirrels could push open but their rivals would find too heavy, might save the red squirrel from extinction. British scientists, who have found that the dominance of the grey can be linked almost entirely to diet, hope to test the device at 100 sites .....Page 7



Squaring up: anti-Yeltsin communists confront militiamen at a demonstration in Moscow's Manezh Square. Pages 12, 14

BUSINESS

Sales rise: High street sales rose to record levels in March, the third strong month for Britain's retailers, with sales of goods directly related to the housing market showing signs of revival ..... Page 19

BCCI: Liquidators to the collapsed BCCI are understood to be considering a writ against the Bank of England as a way of bridging a $12.4 billion gap ..... Page 19

TV bid: Pearson, the media-to-banking conglomerate, is ready to take control of Thames Television in a recommended cash offer of 200p a share, which would value the former broadcaster at £99 million ..... Page 21

Markets: Profit-taking saw shares fall back sharply despite encouraging economic news. The FT-SE 100 index closed down 37.3 at 2,843.8. Sterling's strong run continued. The pound ended 2.88 cents higher at $1.5765 and up .45 pfennigs at DM2.4924 ... Page 22

SPORT

Football: Paul Gascoigne may miss next week's World Cup game against Holland at Wembley because of a knee injury ..... Page 36

Racing: The Jockey Club official at the centre of the Grand National fiasco faces new controversy after allegations that he had rejected calls for a change to the starting system a month before the void race ..... Page 36

Rugby Union: At the annual meeting of the International Rugby Football Board's executive council moves were made against indiscriminate kicking that has constituted some teams' sole tactical approach this season ..... Page 31

Cricket: Harold Dennis Bird, known as Dickie, is exactly as you would expect him to be, John Woodcock writes. He is caring and highly strung; he counts his blessings and lives for cricket; he has never married and is a bit of a card ..... Page 34

WEEKEND

The China Voyage: Next month the writer and adventurer Tim Severin sets out from Hong Kong to cross the Pacific on a bamboo raft ..... Page 1

Holidays: How a barge and gite excursion to Burgundy to improve a teenage son's French proved a success in parts ..... Page 2

Out of town: All ears for the first cuckoo as Derwent May describes this rapacious bird's antisocial habits ..... Page 3

Food and drink: Kendal's seriously sinful chocolate house, Jean Muir's relaxing recipes, and an English wine guide ..... Pages 4, 5

At your service: Ruth Gledhill thrills to the sublime architecture and stirring sermonising in St Paul's Cathedral ..... Page 6

Sporting life: Chill out takes on a new meaning when Jeremy Laurance and his son try to catch the Cornish surf ..... Page 10

ARTS

Young minds at Young Vic: "Nothing is more dispiriting than to hear people leaving a theatre saying 'Well, that was nice'." says Tim Supple, one of the new artistic directors of the Young Vic theatre ..... Weekend page 14

Don't like it much: The Royal Shakespeare Company's *As You Like It*, newly transferred to the Barbican, presents "a chill world", according to Martin Hoyle ..... Weekend page 14

King's ransom: New and reissued recordings of the celebrated choir of King's College, Cambridge, are reviewed this week. And on the jazz side, the reputation of the controversial bop pianist Ahmad Jamal is reassessed in the light of a new live album ..... Weekend page 14

Fair city's opera: Dublin plays its opera extremely safely, as current productions of *Madama Butterfly* and *Cosi fan tutte* demonstrate ..... Weekend page 14

TV & RADIO

Alfred Molina is a slow Italian detective in *The Marshal* (ITV, today, 9.50pm). Brenda Fricker and Josette Simon are married to the same man in *Seekers* (ITV, tomorrow, 9pm) ..... Pages 16, 17

COMMENT

Rebels against history

John Gummer's attack on the synod's decision in *The Times* revealed a distorted view of the nature and origins of the Church of England. It is he who appears to be guilty of "a denial of the whole of Anglican history" ..... Page 15

Better Samaritan

The child had nothing to gain from confidentiality; and everything to gain from the help of emergency services. The volunteer should have ceased to be a Samaritan and reverted to her normal instincts as a citizen ..... Page 15

Chess mates

Everyone can now play against the world chess champions. The oldest game has become the most modern ..... Page 15

SIMON JENKINS

We found a sort of comfort in the existence of an Evil Empire, it appeased our militarism. That empire is gone. New monsters had to be found: first Saddam Hussein now Slobodan Milosevic ..... Page 14

ANNE McELVOY

Russia's industrial heartland has barely been touched by reform and the state is still pouring roubles into useless projects ..... Page 14

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The price and quality of compact discs ..... Page 15

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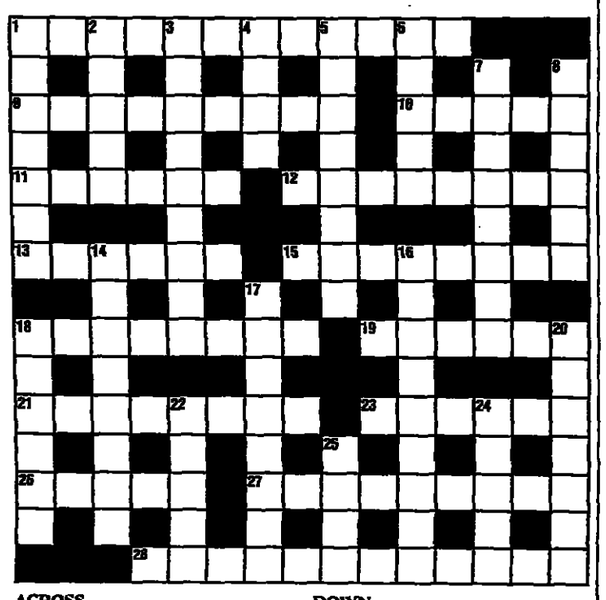
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9 Force to change gear in emergency (9)
10 Union support for driver who's a learner? (5)
11 In France, I become religious member of society (6)
12 Daunted, is automatically running (8)
13 Vessel with sails of striped material (6)
15 Careless with old ships at sea (8)
18 Main complaint the Poet Laureate produced (3,5)
19 Grave stone cut by copper disc (6)
21 It's clear Joy resorted to this form of persuasion (8)
23 One audibly affected by illness, in chest (6)
26 Another exam one's taken during holiday (5)
27 Treat big bat with oil, for essential contributions to score (9)
28 Wandering down memory lane not on for these old warriors? (3,5,4)

DOWN

1 Aircraft landing straight down in clear stream (4-3)
2 Somerset's ale made a novel combination with this food (5)
3 Prompt in way I punish (9)
4 Administer punishment that's corporal (4)
5 Catch fish with special net initially (8)
6 Italian town that's old? It's a ruin (5)
7 Author appearing in West End hall (8)
8 Recovered with maiden over (6)
14 Interpret sound in tune even better (8)
16 Sort of magazine chosen by college, say (9)
17 What the Lady of Shalott left, including one special bequest (8)
18 Fast dog coming into view (6)
20 Actress, out of condition, appears to act frightfully (7)
22 Volume provided light read? Not half (5)
24 Learner just about showing natural aptitude (5)
25 A book's shortened before edit — don't take it lying down (4)

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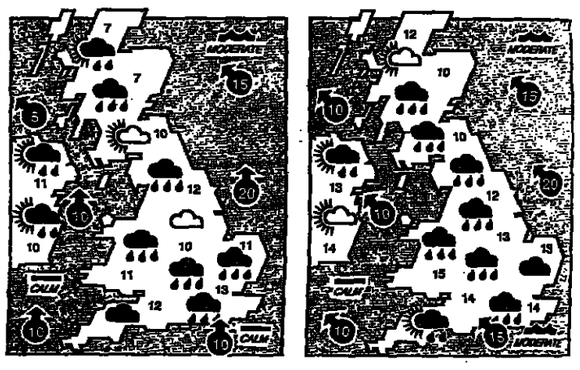
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Ajaccio	18	64	s	Madrid	18	64	f
Akrotiri	22	72	s	Majorca	20	68	f
Alex'dria	22	72	s	Malaga	19	66	f
Algiers	23	73	s	Malta	20	68	s
Amst'dm	17	63	s	Melb'rne	28	82	s
Athens	20	68	s	Mexico C*	10	50	f
Bahrain	27	81	s	Miami*	23	73	s
Bangkok	33	91	t	Milan	22	72	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	2	36	r
Barcelona	16	61	c	Moscow	13	55	s
Beirut	20	68	s	Munich	20	68	s
Belgrade	23	73	s	Nairobi	28	79	f
Berlin	18	64	s	Naples	19	66	s
Bermuda*	23	73	s	N York*	10	50	c
Biarritz	15	59	c	Nice	17	63	f
Borde'x	22	72	f	Oslo	9	48	r
Brussels	17	63	f	Paris	19	66	s
Budapest	24	75	s	Peking	17	63	f
B'Aires*	18	64	f	Perth	21	70	c
Cairo	27	81	s	Prague	21	70	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Reykjavik	1	34	sl
Chicago*	16	61	f	Rhodes	19	66	s
Ch'church	9	48	c	Rio de J	30	86	f
Cologne	19	66	s	Riyadh	33	91	s
C'phgn	13	55	s	Rome	17	63	c
Corfu	21	70	s	Salzburg	20	68	s
Dublin	13	55	r	S Frisco*	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Santiago*	21	70	s
Faro	15	59	c	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Florence	22	72	s	Seoul	21	70	s
Frankfurt	19	66	s	Sing'por	26	79	f
Funchal	16	61	c	St'kholm	16	61	f
Geneva	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	f
Gibraltar	19	66	f	Sydney	14	57	s
Helsinki	14	57	s	Tangier	17	63	c
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Innsbrck	20	68	s	Tenerife	19	66	c
Istanbul	15	59	s	Tokyo	23	73	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Toronto*	10	50	f
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Tunis	21	70	s
Karachi	38	100	s	Valencia	19	66	s
L Palmas	20	68	c	Vanc'ver*	11	52	r
Le Touquet	16	61	f	Venice	18	64	s
Lisbon	14	57	f	Vienna	22	72	s
Locarno	17	63	s	Warsaw	23	73	s
London	12	54	r	Wash'ton*	7	45	d
L Angels*	19	66	s	Wel'ton	12	54	c
Luxembg	17	63	f	Zurich	19	66	s
Luxor	32	90	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

Sun, Rain, Max

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.5	0.03	14	57	shower
Aviemore	0.3	0.02	12	54	cloudy
Belfast	0.1	0.17	13	55	rain
Birmingham	3.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Bognor Regis	4.8	-	14	57	bright
Bournemouth	3.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Bristol	0.8	0.02	13	55	rain
Buxton	0.2	0.01	11	52	cloudy
Cardiff	1.0	0.11	11	52	rain
Clacton	1.9	-	12	54	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.5	0.01	12	54	cloudy
Cromer	8.5	-	16	61	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	0.01	12	54	rain
Exmouth	2.0	0.05	11	52	drizzle
Falmouth	1.0	0.08	13	55	rain
Folkestone	3.9	-	12	54	bright
Glasgow	-	0.02	12	54	rain
Hastings	2.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Hunstanton	3.3	-	14	57	bright
Isle Of Man	-	0.06	10	50	rain
Jersey	2.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Kinloss	1.2	0.02	15	59	bright
Leeds	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Lerwick	5.0	-	10	50	bright
Liverpool	-	0.03	12	54	rain
London	1.9	-	14	57	cloudy
Lowestoft	5.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Manchester	2.1	0.01	13	55	rain
Margate	3.2	-	14	57	bright
Minehead	2.4	-	14	57	cloudy
Morecambe	-	0.01	13	55	rain
Newcastle	1.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Nottingham	1.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Penzance	0.9	0.18	13	55	rain
Plymouth	2.0	0.17	11	52	rain
Poole	2.7	0.01	13	55	rain
Salcombe	-	0.08	12	54	rain
Sandown	5.2	-	14	57	bright
Saunton Snd	1.7	0.06	13	55	cloudy
Scilly Isles	1.4	0.10	12	54	rain
Shanklin	5.0	0.01	13	55	rain
Southsea	3.0	-	14	57	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.20	11	52	drizzle
Swanage	4.1	0.01	13	55	shower
Teignmouth	1.2	0.08	12	54	rain
Tenby	0.9	0.15	11	52	rain
Tiree	0.2	0.51	10	50	rain
Torquay	3.3	0.07	13	55	shower
Weymouth	1.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Wick	2.9	0.07	13	55	rain
Worthing	3.2	-	12	54	bright



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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 8.42 pm to 5.16 am
Bristol 8.52 pm to 5.26 am
Edinburgh 9.08 pm to 5.16 am
Manchester 8.56 pm to 5.19 am
Penzance 9.00 pm to 5.41 am

Sun rises: 5.46 am Sun sets: 8.12 pm
Moon rises: 6.44 am Moon sets: 11.17 pm
First quarter April 29

TOMORROW
London 8.44 pm to 5.14 am
Bristol 8.54 pm to 5.24 am
Edinburgh 9.10 pm to 5.13 am
Manchester 8.58 pm to 5.17 am
Penzance 9.02 pm to 5.39 am

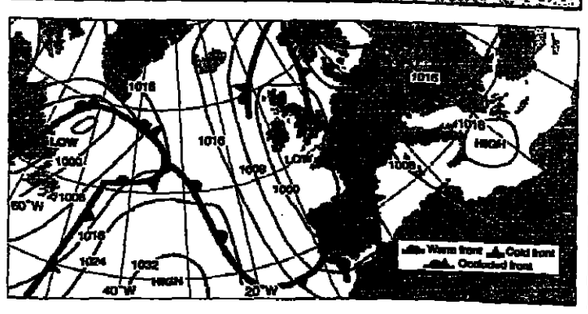
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Moon rises: 7.29 am Moon sets
First quarter April 29

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CURRENCY RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.295	2.095
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.40	50.00
Canada $	2.10	1.94
Denmark Kr	10.18	9.38
Finland Mkk	9.22	8.42
France Fr	8.89	8.19
Germany Dm	2.63	2.43
Greece Dr	365.00	330.00
Hong Kong $	12.80	11.80
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.89
Italy Lira	2445.00	2290.00
Japan Yen	191.50	172.50
Netherlands Gld	2.965	2.735
Norway Kr	11.14	10.33
Portugal Esc	249.00	225.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.20
Spain Pta	180.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	12.00	11.20
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	15600.0	14600.0
USA $	1.67	1.54

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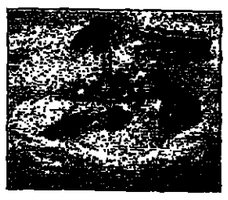
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5765 (+0.0288)
German mark ..2.4924 (+0.0045)
Exchange index ..... 81.2 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2843.8 (-37.3)
Dow Jones ..... 3420.52 (-8.65)*
Nikkei Avg. 19704.15 (+112.84)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 6 1/16-5 15/16%
US Federal Funds 2 7/8%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.84-2.82%*
Long Bond 6.78%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5755*	£:$ 1.5765
$:DM ..1.5840*	£:DM ...2.4964
$:SWfr. 1.4295*	£:SWfr...2.2544
$:Ffr ...5.3500*	£:Ffr 8.4300
$:Yen .110.60*	£:Yen ...174.09
£:SDR ..1.0917	£:ECU ..1.2761

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 340.95 ..... PM 344.90
Close 344.30-344.80
New York:
Comex 344.25-344.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Sales recovery spreads along the high street

BY JANET BUSH AND LINDSAY COOK

■ A third strong monthly rise in retail sales, with higher mortgage lending and better export figures, gave further evidence of recovery and boosted sterling

SALES in the high street rose to record levels last month, the third strong month for retailers and clear evidence, along with a wealth of other statistics, that the recovery is under way.

Retail sales rose by 0.5 per cent in March compared with the previous month and were 1.6 per cent higher in the past three months compared with the previous three and 3.3 per cent higher than a year ago. The figures show the best quarterly and annual increases since August 1988 and May 1989 respectively.

That, coupled with news that Britain's trade gap with non-European Community countries narrowed last month, pushed sterling up to its highest level against a basket of currencies since the middle of January. The pound's trade-weighted index closed at 81.2, compared with 80.7 on Thursday. Share prices fared less well as investors took profits, leaving the FT-SE 100 index 37.3 points lower at 2,843.8.

The only negative spot in an otherwise brighter picture was a disappointing performance from building societies; mortgage applications increased last month by £370 million to £3.09 billion. This was double the level for January but net new commitments were still below last March's £3.45 billion. Gross advances rose by 40 per cent to £2.7 billion and net advances were up to £703 million from £497 million.

The March retail sales figures showed advances across the board. Hugh Clark, trading policy director at The Retail Consortium, said that sales directly related to the housing market had picked up for the first time. That was particularly positive because the sector had been holding back high-street performance.

The star performer in March, according to yesterday's figures from the Central Statistical Office, was the clothing and footwear category, which was up 8.6 per cent on the year. There were also strong rises for food retailers and shops selling household goods. Even DIY improved appreciably.

Mr Clark said: "We are very pleased with the latest figures and we feel that the last three months provide a fairly solid base for recovery."

Banks lent more during March than building societies, reflecting a strong marketing push by Abbey National for fixed-rate mortgages and similar offers from the high street banks.

Many bank mortgage borrowers are transferring from building societies, which means the net figures for the bank lending is improved and those for societies are down. Mark Boléat, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said: "Last month saw a relatively high level of principal repayments, which is likely to reflect a combination of remortgaging activity into fixed-rate products and increased redemption of mortgages as owners experience less difficulty in selling property." But Mr Boléat expected demand for mortgages to continue to rise.

For the fourth consecutive month, societies had a net retail inflow of £249 million in March. This was partly explained by increased housing market activity which makes capital available to those selling houses. The relaunched National Savings FIRST Option Bond, which was expected to attract money from societies, was available for only one week of the month.

After a bout of profit-taking recently, sterling has resumed its upward path, buoyed by an impressive accumulation of economic indicators all pointing in a positive direction.

Against the mark, the pound tested the key DM2.50 level — unsuccessfully — for most of yesterday afternoon but still closed well up. Helped by news of German cuts in official rates on Thurday, the pound closed at DM2.4924, its highest level against the German currency since January 19. Interest rates across Europe continued to ease in the wake of the German move. French money market interest rates were lowered again and the Irish central bank lowered its Central Bank rate for the eighth time since February's devaluation of the punt to the lowest level since mid-1989.

The pound also gained against the dollar, which slipped to $1.5765 to the pound from $1.5477 late on Thursday.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Spare a penny, guv: passers-by in Threadneedle Street, London, may have been alarmed to see Eddie George, the Governor designate of the Bank of England, holding a collecting tin outside the bank yesterday morning (George Sivell, city editor, writes). Fortunately, he was not collecting for the national coffers or helping to fund the government's huge borrowings but was raising money for the John Grooms Association for Disabled People. Each year, the charity raises money by selling roses as buttonholes on St George's Day, a tradition stemming from the foundation of the charity by John Grooms in 1866. His mission was originally to help the flower sellers of the East End, many of whom were disabled. The money raised now goes to help fund residential care, accessible housing projects and wheelchair-friendly holidays run for disabled people all over the country. Mr George was collecting with David Thompson, a solicitor and chairman of John Grooms, in his wheelchair.

Liquidator may sue the Bank over BCCI

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

LIQUIDATORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International are understood to be considering a writ against the Bank of England as a way of filling part of the hole in assets revealed by *The Times* yesterday.

A $12.4 billion estimate of the global deficiency comes from Touche Ross, the liquidator, which yesterday filed its report on the BCCI affair to the trade department.

The liquidator is likely to face a formidable barrier in taking legal action against the Bank of England, responsible for regulation of BCCI. Under English law it is not possible to sue a financial regulator such as the Bank of England.

Nevertheless it is expected Touche Ross and its advisers will seek to find a way around this obstacle. Yesterday Christopher Morris, a joint liquidator, said legal action would form the basis for recovery.

Last night the Bank said: "this is obviously a matter for the liquidators, but if proceedings were brought, the Bank believes it would have a complete defence."

Mr Morris said, "The position of the (British) regulators has been the subject of considerable scrutiny and investigation. Those investigations are still going on." If any actions could be brought against regulators, "It will be our duty to bring them," he added.

Writs have already been issued against Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young, former auditors, and NCB, a Saudi bank. Sheikh Khalid bin Mahfouz, former chief executive of the Saudi National Commercial Bank, has also been sued. All have denied any wrongdoing.

The official inquiry into the Bank of England's handing of the BCCI closure severely criticised the Bank for failing to use effectively its powers of supervision and regulation.

Record exports cut non-EC trade deficit

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S trade deficit with countries outside the European Community narrowed last month as imports fell back from the record levels reached in February and exports rose to an all-time high, suggesting that companies may be capitalising on the benefits of sterling's devaluation since September.

The visible trade deficit totalled £918 million in March compared with £1.25 billion in February.

However, the figures represent less than half Britain's trade. Full statistics, including Britain's key export markets in Europe, are due to be published in June after a half-year gap during which collation of trade data has been changed in accordance with new practice in the single European market. With European economies sluggish to fast deteriorating, these figures are expected to make less pleasant reading than the non-EC figures yesterday.

The Central Statistical Office said that, after a period when the trade balance outside the EC had been deteriorating, the last three or four months appeared to see a flattening out of this trend.

Excluding oil and erratic items, the volume of exports in the last three months was 5.5 per cent higher than in the previous three months, while imports rose only 3 per cent. However, comparing the last quarter with a year ago, the balance is the other way around, with exports rising 12 per cent but imports surging 14 per cent.

Bank lending stays weak as M4 rises

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BANK lending, a key indicator of the rate of economic activity, remains weak, suggesting that, although recovery in the high street and industry is getting under way, individuals and companies are still on the defensive about taking on debt.

The British Bankers' Association reported yesterday that sterling lending to the private sector had fallen by more than £900 million in March, compared with an average monthly rise over the past six months of nearly £500 million.

The Bank of England reported that bank lending on a seasonally adjusted basis had fallen by 0.2 per cent in March, the first monthly fall since this statistical series was started in 1982.

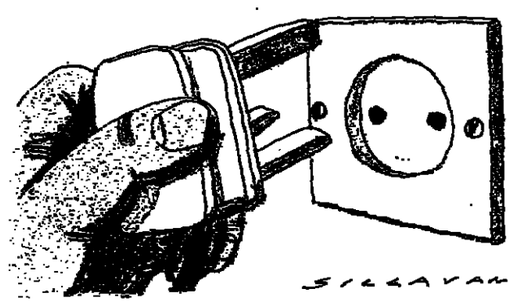
Even so, M4, the broad measure of money supply, including bank lending, rose in March by 1.6 per cent. This took its annual rate of growth to 3.6 per cent, just inside the bottom end of the government's new monitoring range. M4 has been one of the perplexing weak spots recently and its rise is encouraging.

Although M4 rose because of record government borrowing last month, economists still hailed the increase as a positive indicator. Ian Harnett, chief economist of Strauss Turnbull, said: "It doesn't matter if the borrowing is public or private. It still fuels demand and helps to get activity going."

The BBA said there are signs that personal borrowing, for mortgages and consumer spending, is picking up.

Eastern Electricity plugs into Europe

BY ROSS TIEMAN



EASTERN Electricity is advising one of the Czech Republic's soon-to-be privatised regional power companies on how to set up a wholesaling and retailing arm to market British-made products.

Six of Britain's leading electrical appliance makers, including Hotpoint, Creda, and Heatrae Sadia, are in advanced talks with jmE, the South Moravia electricity utility. jmE is expected to be floated this summer along with the republic's five other distribution companies.

Although the Czech market of 10.5 million people is relatively small, its people are among the most prosperous in Eastern Europe and its economy looks like being the first outside eastern Germany to resume growth after the switch from central planning to reliance on market forces.

After more than 12 months of guidance from Eastern Electricity, one of Britain's largest regional power companies, jmE is unashamedly modelling itself on its British counterpart. The company, serving 2 million people, set up an advice centre in the city of Brno as a showcase for modern energy-efficient appliances. It has acquired a shop next door to sell them, and expects to open three more this year and ten in 1994.

Josef Slovacek, head of jmE's technical department, said British appliances compared very favourably on price with those from rival foreign manufacturers and were well suited to the Czech market. jmE has already begun obtaining Czech technical approvals for a wide range of products including fridges and freezers, cookers, heaters and water heaters.

Many Czech families still have monochrome television sets. Few have freezers, microwave ovens or other luxuries.

Competition from domestic producers is virtually non-existent. Czech appliances are now shunned by consumers because they are out of date and of poor quality.

Several neighbouring power companies are talking to jmE about establishing their own retail chains to supply British-made products.

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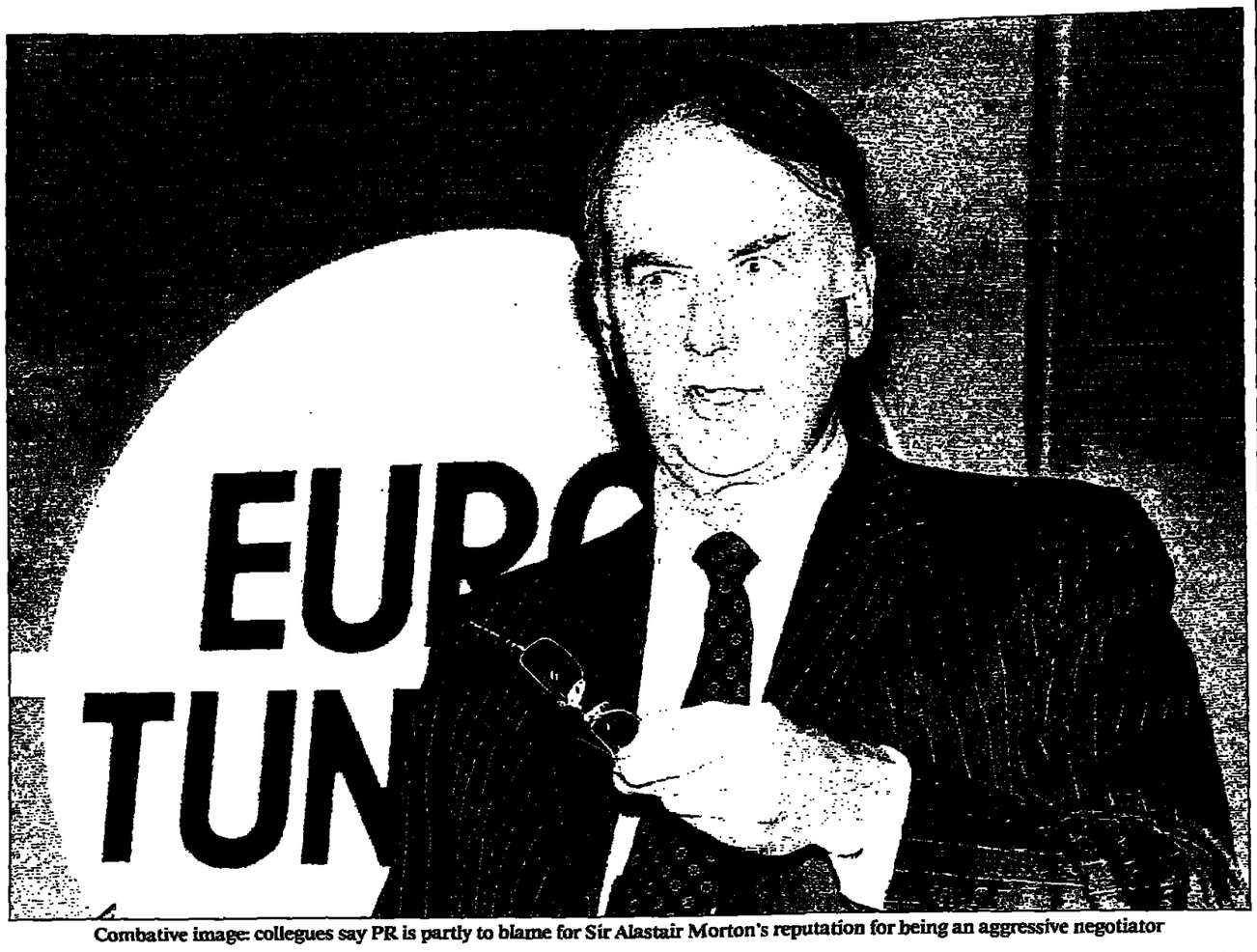
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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Sir Alastair Morton**

Defender of a Eurotunnel vision

Martin Waller looks at the man who will hand over control of the Channel tunnel as the project opens



Combative image: collegues say PR is partly to blame for Sir Alastair Morton's reputation for being an aggressive negotiator

Sir Alastair Morton made two surprising admissions last week. One was that he could no longer forecast just when the first trains would run through the Channel tunnel, so bad were relations between Eurotunnel and the Anglo-French consortium of contractors that is building the project. The second was perhaps more surprising. Sir Alastair admitted to "4 am thoughts" — those heart-sinking, cold sweat-inducing phantoms that stalk the small hours — over whether the tunnel would ever be a success.

While lesser mortals might expect to fall prey to such doubts, Morton is, to slip back for a moment into understatement, not a man who strikes one as being racked with uncertainty. He regularly attracts such epithets as confident, combative, assertive or aggressive.

These are not accurate descriptions: they are journalistic euphemisms. Morton is certainly all these things, and all they imply. But a more rounded picture would have to take on board the views on his character expressed by builders, or at least those printable and remaining within the bounds of the laws of libel.

One builder, asked last week about the tunnel's opening date, commented: "The only thing you can guarantee will be open in December is Morton's mouth."

A senior figure at the consortium insists that he can no longer deal with Morton face-to-face, and that all communication must be at one remove. Some of the builders' complaints revolve around fairly trivial matters, but such nit-picking is indicative of the truly awful rift between client and builder. But the builders were saying exactly the same three years ago, when Morton was merely joint chairman and before, to the contractors' disgust, he took on the role of chief executive.

Clearly, there are faults on both sides. But Morton's desk is the one at which the buck stops. It was an almost impossible task getting the tunnel built, an astonishing achievement that would be a fitting capstone to any career. It is a matter of personal choice how much shine should be taken off Morton's reputation because of the squalid mess into which the project has degenerated.

One colleague remarks: "He's carried this project on his back for the past six years. The war with the contractors of course has got something to do with his personality. But standing behind the entire project are 633,000 shareholders and 54 per cent of the shares are still owned by small investors. Alastair is determined that those shareholders will not be betrayed. He's not going to roll over and sign blank cheques."

At first meeting, Morton is calm, humorous and courteous. But even his friends admit he has difficulty controlling his temper, although they add that he knows how and when to apologise later. He is a great faller-out with people, and he takes criticism, especially in print, very personally, and responds in the same way. He regularly rings up and harangues journalists who have written something that displeases him, often immediately after reading the offending piece and without taking the time to cool down first.

Some years ago, *The Times*, having tried and failed all day to contact him for a comment on a story, went ahead and printed the facts, which were not incorrect, without input from Morton. The paper received a letter that ended: "Don't you ever check your facts?" The reply, which happily tickled Morton's sense of humour, went: "Don't you ever answer your phone?"

"That's exactly the right answer to give him," laughs his colleague. "He does loose off letters. But if he says something unpleasant to somebody, and they say something unpleasant back, he takes it in good spirit. He doesn't pursue vendettas."

His short fuse is an innate part of his character. He is also one of those who divides other people into only two strict categories, those who are on his side and those who are against him. It is, interestingly, a trait that he shares with George Walker, the former head of the Brent Walker leisure combine.

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Like Walker, Morton also came to the City as an outsider. Walker from the East End and Morton from South Africa, via America. Morton's father was a Scot who married into one of the Cape's oldest families. The son found himself out of sympathy with the politics and culture of his native land. After a spell at the World Bank he became one of the bright young things at the Wilson government's Industrial Reorganisation Corporation.

In the 1960s, he worked as part of the then government's policy of *dirigisme* and intervention in industry. By 1970, he was running the Drayton investment trusts, where he first ran into Sir Philip Shelbourne, the merchant banker who recently died. Morton then experienced one of his most famous fallings-out, with Shelbourne. Morton left, and Shelbourne subsequently emerged at his new post as his boss. Morton left again, to become managing director of the old British National Oil Corporation.

Shelbourne was a fastidious, almost mandarin figure, an opera-loving aesthete who was entrenched at the heart of the City establishment. It is not hard to imagine how he might have reacted to a pugnacious colonial whose opinions were seldom in accord with his own. They hated one another.

Those who have met Morton since can only regret they were not present when he learnt in 1980 that the new chairman of BNOC was to be his old nemesis.

Morton did not want to see BNOC privatised, saying rightly that it would be a disaster. Again, he left, not before inspiring a memorable cartoon in the *Financial Times* depicting him with stetson on and six guns blazing, with Sir Philip sheltering behind his desk.

Morton had by then attracted a coterie of friends and associates who remain to this day fiercely loyal. "If this had been a government project, the contractors would have rolled the government over," says one of them about the Channel tunnel.

"Alastair has acted in the shareholders interests by importing some financial discipline into it. Part of his problem is that the press have latched on to this combative, aggressive thing, and have played it up. He's partly been lured into it, by believing his own PR and saying, 'If they expect me to behave like that then I will'."

He was approached to become the British co-chairman of the Anglo-French project and joined in 1987. The project was in a dire state. Sir Alastair, with his reputation as a hands-on troubleshooter, put the financing together and, in effect, sat back to watch the builders at work. The cost and time overruns of the ensuing years were not entirely unpredictable, given the history of big landmark projects.

The job brought him his knighthood, in 1991, an honour with which he is typically little impressed. But the experience has, it must be admitted, visibly aged Morton, who is 55. He is fortunate not to need much sleep but is not a workaholic, having a rounded life outside the office and a wife and two grown-up children.

Once the tunnel is built and running, he will depart immediately, accepting that he is not the man to manage it.

It should perhaps be no surprise that he can claim as an ancestor one of the worst ruffians in Scottish history. A friend recalls, after a presentation to some Scottish institutions, the two settled down to spend a fair time considering and researching the relative merits of Highland and island single malts. In due course, he turned to Morton and asked from which clan his family claimed to have sprung.

The blue eyes flashed, and the fist slammed onto the table.

He said: "My ancestor was the Black Douglas!"

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Jupiter Tyndall unveils fivefold rise in profits

JUPITER Tyndall, the banking and fund management group, multiplied its profits five times last year despite paying £1.3 million to hire Leonard Licht, the fund manager from Mercury Asset Management, as deputy chairman. The group's profits soared to £5.7 million during the year as a result of its merger with Tyndall group in 1991. The final dividend is being lifted by half to 4.5p to make 7.5p total for the year.

The best performers in the group were its two offshore banks, which produced profits of £3.38 million. The company warned shareholders, however, that the banks' deposits of almost £400 million may fall this year. The investment division produced profits of £3.8 million and benefited from the closure of Tyndall's offices during the year which reduced costs. Jupiter is currently planning the launch of a new investment trust specialising in China which it hopes will raise up to £14 million.

News Corp TV bid

THE News Corporation, Nine Network Australia and the government-owned Telecom Australia are to form a consortium to bid for a licence application to operate an Australian pay-television business. The companies said: "The first step is to bid for a satellite pay-television business".

News Corp, which owns *The Times*, has substantial interests in television stations and the Fox Broadcasting network in America and owns half of Britain's BSkyB satellite network.

Serco wins US deal

SERCO Group, which manages high-technology projects and facilities, has won a share in a US Navy contract valued at $160 million. The seven-year deal is for management, operations and support work for a forward rapid-deployment base supporting air and sea operations on the island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. George Gray, executive chairman of the Sunbury-on-Thames company, said the deal was "an important development in Serco's international business".

Robert Lowe warning

ROBERT H. LOWE, the babywear and leisurewear manufacturer, warned shareholders at the annual meeting of a substantial trading loss for the six months to end-April. David Sebire, chairman, said large customers of Babygro, a subsidiary, and the outwear division had cancelled orders at short notice. "The reduction in the workforce will result in exceptional costs." The group had to reduce borrowings and it was not prudent to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

Air London slides

SHARES in Air London fell 18p to 74p after the air charter broker's pre-tax interim profits fell 39 per cent to £411,000 in the six months to end January. The company blamed lower demand for large aircraft chartering, by as much as 50 per cent in some areas, with more competition affecting margins. Profits were also affected by lower interest rates, with interest receivable falling by 15 per cent. The interim dividend is held at 1.6p a share, payable from earnings of 3.17p (5p) a share.

Record at Newcastle

NEWCASTLE Building Society enjoyed a record first quarter for loans and savings, Bill Midgley, managing director, told the annual meeting yesterday. Receipts to the end of March had topped total net investments received during the whole of 1992, he said. But Tony Glenton, chairman, said the fear of unemployment continued to cast a shadow and there were few who would commit themselves to buying a house if they were worried about their jobs.

UK oil output falls

UK crude oil output fell to an average 1.77 million barrels per day (bpd) in March, down from 2.01 million bpd in February, according to energy analysts at Wood Mackenzie who attributed the fall to scheduled shutdowns of the Forties pipeline system. Brent field output is forecast to fall in April to 464,000 bpd from 547,000 bpd in March. Flotta production is expected to rise in April to 213,000 bpd from 209,000 bpd and Forties to 251,000 bpd (152,000 bpd).

TNT charts slow road to profit

DAVID Mortimer said TNT, of which he is chief executive, hoped to be back in profit at the pre-tax operating level in 1993-4, stripping out exchange-rate movements.

In London yesterday, he said: "We would like to think this financial year will see the end of the period of loss-making activities. This will represent very significant progress." But the return to profit would be modest, he added, and TNT faced a hard slog over the next few years to restore its balance sheet.

The transport group incurred a full-year net loss in 1991-2 of A$195.4 million (£91 million). December half-time pre-tax operating profits were A$38.3 million but abnormal losses and a bigger tax charge pushed the group to a A$74.5 million loss.

Mr Mortimer, on a visit to TNT's European operations, said fourth-quarter figures should show improvement.

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Fitch optimistic despite loss

BY MARTIN BARROW

FITCH, the quoted design consultancy, is again passing the dividend after losses deepened to £3.98 million before tax in 1992, from £417,000 in the previous 12 months.

Losses included an exceptional charge of £2.43 million, comprising redundancy and restructuring costs and provisions against property. Losses per share increased to 31.9p a share from 9.4p. The shares traded at 17p, up from 16½p.

Despite the setback, Rodney Fitch, chairman, said: "Our property problems have, indeed, been resolved, resulting in a significantly reduced cost base. We have successfully disposed of Benoy, which had fallen sharply into loss, and, as planned, we are in the process of selling our German operation where the general downturn in the market might otherwise have left us exposed. The injection of new funds gives the group sufficient working capital to resume investment in technology and markets and our management team has been enhanced."



Fitch: "on the right path"

He added: "Now, in 1993, we are on the right path, with greatly reduced costs and with all ongoing costs firmly under control. Current trading shows a gradual but continuous upward trend, which will enable the company, in due course, to return to profitability."

Group turnover fell to £15.9 million from £18.1 million, which included £1.6 million from discontinued businesses. The operating loss was £3.1 million (£430,000 profit).

Spenders lift Amex profits

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

FEWER card-holders spending more with American Express helped to lift first-quarter pre-tax profits of the credit card, financial services and stockbroking concern by 131 per cent.

The group's pre-tax profits in the three months to March 31 were $818 million, against $353.3 million for the period last year.

Analysts said the group, whose chairman, James Robinson III, was forced to resign by shareholders earlier this year, is reflecting the benefit of a dramatic shake-up and cost-cutting that have been going on for more than a year.

Much of the work, they say, has been done by Harvey Golub, who was Mr Robinson's trusted lieutenant and has replaced him as chairman. In July, the sale of its retailing stockbroking arm, Shearson Lehman Brothers, will complete a string of asset sales.

It will go out with profits rising. Net income of the stockbroking and mutual fund businesses which are being bought by Primerica, a Wall Street rival, jumped 60 per cent to $114 million for the quarter.

Meanwhile spending on the American Express card during the quarter grew 7 per cent to a total of $20 billion in America, but the number of cards dropped 6 per cent to 24 million. Card profits are carried in the Travel Related Services division, which has made savage cost cuts, and net profits rose 68 per cent.

IDS, the financial service arm which sells insurance and unit trusts, contributed a 21 per cent gain in the quarter to a net $74 million. On total revenues up 3 per cent to $5.6 billion, net income for the entire group dropped 11 per cent to $243 million because of accounting changes and one-off charges. But Wall Street was impressed and the shares, up $1 at $29.25, stand close to their peak for the past 12 months.

Peseta falls in spite of EC support

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THE peseta yesterday dropped like a stone into the troubled waters of the forthcoming Spanish general election in spite of a last-ditch effort by six EC central banks to prop it up.

The Spanish government seemed to be on the brink of devaluing the peseta this weekend for the third time in seven months as it again came under heavy pressure after the Bank of Spain had failed to follow the Bundesbank's discount rate cut of 0.25 of a point on Thursday.

Speculators pushed up Spanish bond prices, gambling on a devaluation, with the Bank of Spain not appearing to make a significant effort to intervene, increasing the interbank rate from 14 per cent to 15 per cent.

Analysts in Madrid agreed the beleaguered Spanish socialists face three possibilities. First, the Bank of Spain could threaten the market with a re-introduction of exchange controls, briefly and somewhat disastrously used during the last attack on the peseta in February.

Second, it could support the currency until after the June 6 election. But this could involved an unpopular rise in interest rates. Finally, it could devalue this weekend by about 4 per cent. The devaluations last year were 5 per cent in September and 6 per cent in November. The Madrid market yesterday blamed the political uncertainty on the latest crisis coupled with gloomy economic forecasts for Spain from the IMF in Washington and the OECD in Paris.

Enjoying a short tax holiday from inflation



STEVEN BELL

Those who believe that the retail prices index is a bizarre and misleading measure of UK inflation may not be surprised to learn that it is the only economic statistic set by a committee. The members of the RPI advisory committee take enormous care to ensure that the prices of goods and services are properly measured, yet the result is an index with strange quirks that is perhaps the most complicated measure of prices in the world.

The treatment of housing is the best known problem and the government's 1 per cent to 4 per cent inflation target for the RPI has partly compensated for this by excluding mortgage interest. The treatment of local government tax has also caused controversy. The switch from the rates to the poll tax boosted the RPI and the surge in local authority spending exacerbated the problem.

The new council tax, which enters the RPI this month, will have the opposite effect. The poll tax raised the RPI 1.4 per cent when it was introduced: a borough-by-borough analysis suggests the council tax will lower the RPI 0.6 per cent, roughly twice what is generally expected. Later this year, another special factor will apply. The committee has decided to include foreign holidays in the index and sterling's devaluation will make this component rise strongly from autumn onwards.

Overall, the next set of RPI inflation figures should show an unexpected fall, largely due to the effect of council tax, taking underlying inflation down to 3 per cent or less in April and May. Headline inflation looks set to remain below 2 per cent throughout the summer. Yet the broader issue, which divides so many economists, is whether the devaluation of sterling means that inflation will inevitably rise as soon as the economy recovers.

Both those who argue that sterling's devaluation will not feed through to retail prices and the opposing camp, which suggests that inflation must rise as soon as the economy picks up, have missed the point. The *direct effect* of sterling's collapse will feed through. Indeed, the signs are already evident. Import prices have risen 10 per cent since last autumn. Food prices have also started to rise. Producer price inflation on a three-month annualised basis is now 3 per cent, against 1.5 per cent last autumn. The critical issue is whether the direct feed-through of higher import prices triggers a wage-price spiral. The two key factors are the strength of the labour market and headline inflation, the benchmark in wage negotiations. Headline inflation has collapsed to below 2 per cent for the first time since the 1960s. As for the labour market, its deterioration at the end of last year was dramatic: in November and December unemployment rose by more than 100,000. This has been reflected in a sharp fall in pay settlements, which, according to the CBI, are now below 3 per cent.

The experience of the last recession clearly suggests that wage inflation continues to fall long after the economy has passed its trough. If the recovery has begun in 1993, wage inflation is unlikely to rise until 1995. The economics of this are straightforward. Wages are bid up when the labour market is tight. The recent falls in unemployment, though surprising, were still modest. On the most optimistic forecast, unemployment will decline only gradually.

This would still leave huge numbers unemployed. The labour market will still be putting downward pressure on wages. Manufacturing productivity growth improves in the early stages of recovery while the technical revolution is boosting service sector productivity. Unit labour costs look set to remain low.

This leads to the conclusion that once the direct effects of sterling's devaluation have fed through, inflation should improve, even though the economy should have been recovering for some time by then. Next year, should be a good one for inflation. This may be a little late to save the Chancellor from breaching his target for underlying inflation around the turn of the year. This is likely to be apparent just as the November Budget is being presented. The factor likely to tip the balance and push underlying inflation above the 4 per cent limit is the inclusion of foreign holidays. Who requestioned the RPI committee to examine this issue? None other than Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, last summer, when sterling was riding high within the ERM.

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Pearson makes agreed offer for Thames TV

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

■ Thames TV's new owners believe the expansion of satellite and cable television will provide significant opportunities for independent producers

PEARSON, the media to banking conglomerate, is set to take control of Thames Television in a recommended cash offer of 200p a share, valuing the former broadcaster at £99 million.

The acquisition, which was widely expected, was warmly welcomed in the City with Pearson's share price jumping 10p to 429p. Thames' shares leapt 20p, only 5p short of the offer price, following relief that the company had established a secure future after losing its franchise to Carlton.

Talks have been taking place for three months, but a deal was secured after Pearson persuaded Thorn EMI, Thames' largest shareholder, to sell its 58.85 per cent stake. Thorn bought around half of its holding from BET at 250p a share in 1991.

The offer price, which was set at a 14 per cent premium to Thames' opening share price of 175p, represents an exit multiple of about 15 times, according to analysts.

The acquisition of Thames, maker of *The Bill* and *This Is Your Life*, is part of Pearson's strategy to increase its TV presence. The group already has a 17 per cent stake in BSkyB and a 14 per cent holding in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees. However, Thames is its first wholly owned production company.

Frank Barlow, managing director of Pearson, said yesterday: "It is a natural migration for Pearson to move from book publishing to television. And television is where the growth is."

He believes the expansion of satellite and cable television will provide significant opportunities for independent producers, particularly those, like Thames, with high-quality programme libraries. Its library includes well-known series such as *Rumpole of the Bailey*, *The Benny Hill Show* and *Minder*. Thames already provides programmes to UK Gold, the satellite service delivered by Astra in which Thames has a 9.6 per cent stake. The recent Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on Channel 3 networking arrangements, which calls for greater access for independents, will also fuel growth although Thames has yet to secure any long-term programme contracts.

Thames will now form the core of Pearson's new television division, which will incorporate all its broadcasting interests. The existing Thames management team, including Richard Dunn, the chief executive, will remain with the business. The deal comes only two days after Thames reported an attributable loss of £68.8 million after a £93.5 million extraordinary charge, mainly relating to the disposal of its US production business. Thorn admitted yesterday that this will reduce its own pre-tax profits for the year to March 31, 1993 by £29 million.

Mr Barlow was quick to dismiss suggestions by analysts that Thames could take advantage of the group's link with BSkyB to sell its programmes. "BSkyB will buy the best programmes at the right price. I would not want Thames to expect any favours — it does not need them anyway," he said. He does not rule out further acquisitions as the television market develops. With gearing still below 20 per cent, even after the purchase of Thames, he believes the group is financially well equipped to take advantage of any opportunities.

Chris Munro, media analyst at Hoare Govett, said: "Pearson are right to move more into media and the fact they are doing it with an earnings-enhancing deal is very encouraging."



Juggling with the board: Frank van Wezel, the chairman, is strengthening Hi-Tec's team of directors

Hi-Tec takes steps to return to black

BY OUR CITY STAFF

HI-TEC, the troubled sports shoes group, said it was heading back into the black as it moved to strengthen its board by appointing a new finance director.

However, it expects to announce a pre-tax loss of about £3 million for 1992, when it reports results next month that may be inflated by about £5 million relating to reorganisation of the business.

The group was last month hit by the surprise resignations of both its recently appointed non-executive directors, only two months after they joined the company. The departure on Budget day of Sir Michael Edwardes, the former British Leyland chairman, and Richard Fenhalls, the chief executive of Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, prompted fears about the group. But Hi-Tec said it had cut its losses from the £2.8 million deficit announced for the six months to June 30.

Frank van Wezel, chairman, who owns 55 per cent of the company, said: "The last year has been a difficult one for the company but I believe we can now start looking to the future more positively." A good last half of the year and a strong performance in the US has helped the group cut its losses.

However, the group is still suffering in continental Europe and plans to restructure its businesses there. The change in fashion against expensive training shoes and the squeeze on consumer spending has hit Hi-Tec and sent its shares crashing to all-time lows.

Hi-Tec shares eased 1p to 42p, compared with 175p last summer.

The new finance director is Peter Butler, 43, from Berisford International. He has been granted share options on 400,000 shares at 50p. The options can only be exercised after three years, provided that Hi-Tec shares are at or above 80p.

Bowater buys Tower Packaging

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Lyon, the Bowater chief executive, pledged to concentrate on integrating recent acquisitions after completing yet another deal yesterday: the $105 million purchase of an American packaging group.

He said: "We have grown the company by 50 per cent in the last year. You don't make growth by acquisition without needing to go through a period of fully digesting them and getting the benefits and synergies out of them."

The latest deal involves the purchase of Tower Packaging, the packaging arm of Baxter Healthcare Corporation, which manufactures intravenous solutions and medical disposables, such as syringes and surgical gloves.

Tower's plant, near Chicago, will continue to supply packaging materials for Baxter products under a contract worth nearly $60 million a year.

Mr Lyon said that although Tower recorded an operating loss of $2.6 million in the year to end-December, it would have made nearly $9 million had the new contract been in place.

Only two months ago, Bowater paid $434 million for Speciality Coatings, an American industrial film manufacturer. The deal was financed through a rights issue. Mr Lyon said Tower, which has assets of $27 million, would lift Bowater's gearing to the "mid-sixties". The company has a self-imposed ceiling of 75 per cent.

The purchase of Tower meets Bowater's aim of concentrating on specialised packaging materials, particularly for health and beauty products, food and drink packaging, coated films and papers and related products. After the latest acquisition, Bowater will derive 57 per cent of its £1.57 billion a year sales outside the UK.

Bowater shares closed 8p higher at 506p.

Tim Rothwell, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "This will be earnings-enhancing because it strengthens Bowater in medical packaging, which is an international growth area."

BT sale managers appointed

BY ROSS TIEMAN

THE government has appointed 20 regional managers to market the third sale of state shares in British Telecom. It may sell all its remaining 22 per cent of BT, worth more than £5 billion. Shares are unlikely to be offered before mid-July.

The regional managers will vie for the business of smaller fund managers. The world's 500 biggest potential buyers of BT shares will be the subject of rival presentations by 11 international investment banking firms. There will also be a retail offer, targeted at individuals.

In North America, the managers will be Alex Brown & Sons, CS First Boston, Dean Witter Reynolds, Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette Securities, Lehman Brothers, JP Morgan Securities, PaineWebber, RBC Dominion Securities and Salomon Brothers.

Japan will be served by Nikko Securities, Nomura Securities and Yamaichi Securities. Elsewhere will be ABN Amro Bank, Credit Lyonnais Securities, CS First Boston Group, Dresdner Bank Lehman Brothers International, Mediobanca-Banca di Credito Finanziario, Robert Fleming and Swiss Bank Corporation.

EBRD highlights the 'real' issues

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is creating new pools of money and alternative delivery systems to help the capital-starved enterprises of central and eastern Europe, Guy de Selliers, deputy head of merchant banking at the EBRD, said yesterday.

He was speaking at the opening seminar of the much-criticised bank's five-day annual meeting, which will be attended by 3,000 delegates. The meetings brought to the fore the real issues confronting the bank and the economies it aims to help, rather than how much has been lavished on the bank's London offices and staff. The governors' meeting, which starts on Monday, is expected to raise the question of cost control at the bank, but the weekend will be dominated by discussion about how to foster investment, market principles and democracy in the former Soviet bloc.

Ron Freeman, the EBRD vice-president, at a separate seminar, stressed the importance of fostering trade with the emerging economies of the former Soviet empire. "This is not about charity, but enlightened self-interest," he said.

M de Selliers said the EBRD had been disappointed by western commercial banks' reluctance to do medium-term business in the region.

After the media blitz against the bank's low level of disbursals, compared with the spending on its building and overheads, the EBRD has sought to underline how many projects — currently 83 — it has approved. It was revealed yesterday that an 8.7 million ecu loan had been approved for CZ-Cagiva, the Czech motorcycle firm, a joint venture with Italian interests.



Freeman: fostering trade

Germans buy 26% of Budgens

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

REWE, the German food retailer, has acquired a 26.3 per cent stake in Budgens from Sir Ron Brierley's BIL Securities (Far East) group at 55p a share.

Rewe's annual retail sales top £15.8 billion and its wholesale turnover last year was £5.31 billion.

John von Spreckelsen, Budgens' chief executive, said he introduced REWE to BIL, and there had been a series of discussions between the parties about areas of co-operation.

Opportunities will arise because of the close corporate relationship with one of the biggest food retailers in Europe, he added.

A representative of REWE will join Budgens' board, replacing BIL's nominee.

BIL had been a supportive shareholder in Budgens, particularly during its restructuring in 1991, Mr Von Spreckelsen added. He was "delighted" that BIL had secured an exit price of 55p a share compared with a pre-announcement price of 46p, and a price three weeks ago of 38p. Budgens shares yesterday rose 3p to 49p.

REWE employs 150,000 people, and the purchase of the stake in Budgens is its first non-German investment.

Budgens has about100 food supermarkets, primarily in the south east of England, and recently opened two stores in central London.

Software firm cools deal talk

Gresham Telecomputing, the computer software group, played down reports of imminent agreements for the distribution of its new products which have triggered recent rises in its share price.

The Oxford-based company said it would continue to have discussions with virtually all organisations that participated in the same areas of activity as itself. This was not unusual, nor should it be a basis for unusual advances in the share price.

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STOCK MARKET

Options action gives UB a lift

UNITED Biscuits resisted the downward pull of the rest of the market as speculative buyers chased the price sharply higher in thin trading.

By the close of business, shares of the McVities and KP food group, headed by Sir Robert Clarke, had touched 400p before settling 14p higher at 399p. But turnover levels were low with less than 3 million shares changing hands.

Whispers in the market this week suggested a bid for UB from Hanson, and BZW is reckoned to have been pushing the shares. But much of yesterday's activity was generated by conditions on the traded options market.

Earlier this week, one investor bought 2,500 June call options at 16p. That is the equivalent of 2.5 million shares at 436p. Further option business totalling 1,500 contracts, or 1.5 million shares, was also recorded. Much of the June contract has still to run but it is beginning to look as if market-makers in the underlying shares are running short of stock and this is certain to exaggerate any price movements.

The rest of the equity market ended the first leg of the three-week account on a flat note. The FT-SE 100 index saw much of this week's gains wiped out, ending 37.3 down at 2,843.8 with the gain on the week reduced to 19.3.

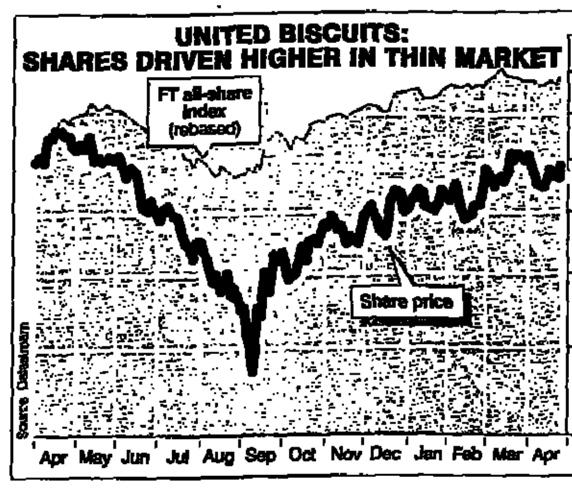
Dealers blamed the setback on futures-related selling and profit-taking after one of the most active trading sessions for the best part of a month. But yesterday's fall came as good news for market-makers who have been trying to call prices lower for much of the week. There has been relatively little selling and much of the buying has been selective, concentrated on leading companies where market-makers have little available stock.

Among leaders, **English China Clays** advanced a further 7p to 440p with UBS reckoned to have become the latest broker to recommend the shares. **British Aerospace** was another firm market climbing 10p to 318p before next week's annual meeting. Analysts are hoping the company will have good news on the trading front.

The pound's strength against the dollar took some of the gloss off the big overseas earners. Worries about currency translation losses left **BP** 11p down at 289p, **Shell** 14p cheaper at 566p, and **BAT Industries**, 20p at 849p.



Sir Robert: "bid" talk



The drug companies, which enjoyed a welcome return to form earlier this week on the back of US buying, came under selling pressure. **Fisons** eased 2p to 165p, **Glaxo**, 27p to 575p, **SmithKline Beecham 'A'**, 15p to 449p, and **Wellcome** 24p to 736p.

Asda, the supermarket chain, continued to benefit from a buy recommendation by Shaw & Co, the broker, with a rise of 2p to 71½p despite, or perhaps because of, the closure of a loss-making food factory. Dealers also reported heavy activity on the traded options market.

Thames Television, which lost its independent television franchise to Carlton earlier this year, jumped 20p to 195p after announcing details of an agreed £99 million bid from **Pearson**, owner of *The Financial Times* and Lazards merchant bank. The offer from Pearson, which already has a stake in BSkyB and Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, values Thames at 200p a share. Both sides have been in talks for some time. Pearson ended 9p better at 428p.

One beneficiary of the deal was **Thorn EMI**, but its shares finished down 12p at 871p. Its 58.85 per cent stake in Thames is valued by the deal at £58 million. As a result, figures for the year to March 31, will carry an exceptional profit of £34.2 million. But overall profits for the year just ended will be reduced by £29 million because of write-offs relating to extraordinary charges in Thames figures for 1992. The Thorn price is also reckoned to have been depressed by Nomura Securities, the broker, urging clients to switch into **Rank Organisation**, 1p firmer at 710p.

Medeva, the pharmaceutical group, was steady at 214p after confirming that its recent rights issue has been a success. A total of 96.2 per cent of the 2.06 million shares offered at 180p had been taken up.

It was similar story for **Low & Bonar**, the packaging group, 3p firmer at 327p. The group recently raised £50.2 million by way of a rights issue at 265p to finance the acquisition of Cereal Packaging. A total of 96.29 per cent of the issue has been taken up.

The building sector enjoyed renewed selective support amid growing confidence that the housing market is picking up. There were gains for **Barcom**, 7p to 85p, **Barratt Developments**, 2p to 145p, **Bryant Group**, 7p to 148p, **Countryside Properties**, 6p to 136p and **CALA**, 7p to 72p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

New York — Shares slid in late morning on weak economic data. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 20 points to 3,409.

☐ **Tokyo** — The market stemmed a five-day losing run on a technical rebound. The Nikkei average was up 112.84 points at 19,704.15.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Blue chips turned lower in late trading, pushed down by basket-trading. The Dax index ended down 9.64 at 1,657.1.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Stocks closed marginally lower as profit-taking near the close eroded afternoon gains. The Hang Seng Index fell 8.3 points to 6,750.94.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares recovered from intra-day lows on late bargain hunting. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 0.14 to 1,773.07.

	Apr 23 midday	Apr 22 close
AMP Inc	60⅞	60½
AMR Corp	69⅞	70⅞
Abbott Labs	26⅞	25⅞
Aetna Life	51½	52
Ahmanson (HF)	18½	18⅞
Air Prod & Chem	44⅞	44⅞
Alberson's	54½	56
Alcan Aluminum	17⅞	17½
Alco Standard	45⅞	45½
Allied Signal	66	64⅞
Alum Co of Am	64½	65
Amax	16½	16⅞
Amerada Hess	52⅞	52⅞
Amer Brands	32⅞	31½
Amer Cyanamid	51½	51½
Amer El Power	37⅞	37⅞
Amer Express	29⅞	28⅞
Amer Genl Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Amer Home Pr	65⅞	65
Amer Intl	124⅞	125⅞
Amer Stores	39⅞	40⅞
Amer T & T	56⅞	57⅞
Ameritech	77½	77½
Amoco	54½	55
Anheuser-Busch	48⅞	49⅞
Apple Computer	50	50
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	9⅞	9⅞
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	33⅞	33⅞
Asarco	20⅞	20⅞
Ashland Oil	29⅞	28⅞
Atl Richfield	122⅞	123⅞
Auto Data Pro	47⅞	49
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	55⅞	56⅞
Baker Hughes	26⅞	26
Baltim Gas & El	25⅞	25
Banc One	54½	55⅞
BankAmerica	47½	48⅞
Bank of NY	54½	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	70⅞	71½
Barnett Banks	43⅞	44⅞
Bausch & Lomb	49⅞	49½
Baxter Intl	29	29⅞
Bectn Dickinsn	33⅞	33⅞
Bell Atlantic	52⅞	53
BellSouth	53⅞	54½
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	34⅞	34
Boeing	38	37⅞
Boise Cascade	25⅞	25⅞
Borden Inc	24⅞	24⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅞	58⅞
Browning Ferris	26⅞	26⅞
Burlington Nthn	55⅞	55⅞
CBS	236	238⅞
CNA Financial	98⅞	97⅞
CPC Intl	41½	41½
CSX	74⅞	73⅞
Campbell Soup	37⅞	37⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	16
Cptl Cities ABC	538	539
Cptl Holdings	80½	80
Carolina Pwr	33	33½
Caterpillar	66⅞	67⅞
Central & SW	32⅞	33⅞
Champion Intl	34	33⅞
Chase Manhat	32⅞	32⅞
Chemical Bk	38⅞	39⅞
Chevron Corp	81½	82⅞
Chrysler	39⅞	38⅞
Chubb Corp	90⅞	90
Cigna Corp	61⅞	61½
Citicorp	27⅞	28⅞
Clorox	47⅞	47⅞
Coastal Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Coca Cola	39	38⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	60	60⅞
Columbia Gas	22⅞	23⅞
Commonw Ed	28⅞	28⅞
Compaq Comp	49⅞	50⅞
Comp Ass Int	23⅞	24
Conagra	34	34
Cons Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Cons Nat Gas	49⅞	49⅞
Cons Rail	52⅞	51½
Cooper Inds	47⅞	47⅞
Corning Inc	34⅞	35
Crown Cork	38	38⅞
Dana Corp	49	49
Dayton Hudson	72⅞	74⅞
Deere	57⅞	58⅞
Delta Air Lines	57⅞	57⅞
Deluxe Corp	45	46
Detroit Edison	34⅞	35
Digital Equip	43⅞	43⅞
Dillard Dept St	36⅞	37
Disney (Walt)	40⅞	40⅞
Dominion Res	44⅞	44⅞
Donelley (RR)	27⅞	27⅞
Dover Corp	48⅞	48
Dow Chemicals	55⅞	56
Dow Jones	31½	30⅞
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	40	39⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	59⅞	59⅞
Du Pont	51½	51½
Eastman Kodak	54⅞	54⅞
Eaton Corp	87⅞	89⅞
Emerson Elec	59⅞	58⅞
Engelhard Corp	34⅞	34½
Enron Corp	57	56⅞
Entergy Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Ethyl Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Exxon	65⅞	65⅞
FMC Corp	44⅞	45
FPL Group	37⅞	37⅞
Federal Express	51½	51½
Fed Nat Mtge	78⅞	79⅞
First Chicago	39⅞	40⅞
First Interstate	56⅞	57⅞
First Union Rlty	11⅞	11⅞
Fleet Fnl Grp	32	32⅞
Fluor Corp	42⅞	41½
Ford Motor	52⅞	52
GTE Corp	34⅞	35⅞
Gannett	52⅞	52
Gap Inc Del	28⅞	29⅞
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	97⅞	96⅞
Gen Electric	93⅞	92⅞
Gen Mills	69⅞	65⅞
Gen Motors	39⅞	38⅞
Gen Reinsurance	117⅞	118
Gen Signal	61½	60⅞
Genuine Parts	34⅞	34⅞
Georgia Pac	67⅞	68⅞
Gillette	50⅞	49⅞
Glaxo ADR	18½	18⅞
Goodrich (BF)	46⅞	47⅞
Goodyear Tire	73⅞	75
Grace (W&R)	39⅞	39⅞
Gt Atl Pac Tea	30⅞	30⅞
Great Wstn Fin	17⅞	17⅞
Halliburton	38	37⅞
Heinz (HJ)	35⅞	35⅞
Hercules	73⅞	73½
Hershey Foods	50⅞	52⅞
Hewlett Packard	73⅞	74⅞
Hilton Hotels	44½	44⅞
Home Depot	42⅞	42⅞
Homestake	15⅞	14⅞
Honeywell	33⅞	33⅞
Household Intl	71⅞	71½
Houston Inds	46⅞	47
Humana	8⅞	8⅞
ITT Corp	81½	81½
Illinois Tool	73⅞	74⅞
INCO	22½	22⅞
Ingersoll Rand	32⅞	33
Inland Steel	22⅞	23⅞
Intel Corp	93⅞	96
IBM	48⅞	48⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	113½	111⅞
Intl Paper	66⅞	67
James River Va	19⅞	19⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅞	40⅞
K Mart	23	22⅞
Kellogg	56⅞	56⅞
Kerr-McGee	46⅞	48⅞
Kimberly-Clark	47⅞	47
Knight-Ridder	57⅞	56
Lilly (Eli)	46⅞	46⅞
Limited Inc	23⅞	23⅞
LIN Brdcstng	82⅞	82⅞
Lincoln Nat	80⅞	80
Litton	57⅞	57⅞
Liz Claiborne	36	35⅞
Lockheed Corp	59⅞	61
Louisiana Pac	73	75⅞
MCI Commun	48⅞	49
Marriott	25	24⅞
Marsh & McLnn	92⅞	92⅞
Martin Marietta	74⅞	74⅞
Masco Corp	30⅞	31½
May Dept St	70	70⅞
Maytag Corp	13⅞	13
McCaw Cellular	36⅞	36⅞
McDonalds	46⅞	46⅞
McDonnell D	59	60⅞
McGraw Hill	61½	62
Mead Corp	47	47
Medtronic	64½	63⅞
Mellon Bk	57⅞	57⅞
Melville Corp	44⅞	44⅞
Merck Inc	35⅞	35⅞
Merrill Lynch	70⅞	71½
Minnesota Mine	113⅞	114⅞
Mobil Corp	68⅞	68⅞
Monsanto	54⅞	55⅞
Morgan (JP)	68⅞	68⅞
Motorola Inc	71½	72⅞
Natl Medical	7⅞	7⅞
Natl Semi	12⅞	12⅞
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	33⅞	34
NY Times A	29	29⅞
Newmont Mng	45	42⅞
Niag Mohawk	22⅞	22⅞
Nike B	70⅞	70⅞
NL Industries	4⅞	5
Nordstrom	28⅞	29⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	62½	61½
Nthn State Pwr	45⅞	45⅞
Norwest Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Nynex Corp	86⅞	86
Occidental Pet	21⅞	22⅞
Ohio Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Oracle Systems	34	34⅞
Oryx Energy Co	22⅞	22⅞
PNC Financial	32⅞	33
PPG Industries	73⅞	73⅞
Paccar Inc	60⅞	60⅞
Pacificorp	17⅞	17⅞
Pac Enterprises	23⅞	23⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33⅞
Pac Telesis	47⅞	48
Pall Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Panhandle East	21½	21½
Paramnt Comm	52⅞	51½
Parker Hannifin	29⅞	30⅞
Penney (JC)	81⅞	82⅞
Pennzoil	60⅞	60⅞
Pepsico	36⅞	36⅞
Pfizer	64⅞	64⅞
Phelps Dodge	44⅞	44⅞
Philadel Elec	29⅞	29⅞
Philip Morris	47⅞	47⅞
Phillips Pet	29⅞	29
Pitney Bowes	41½	41
Polaroid	32⅞	32⅞
Price Co	29	29⅞
Primerica	45⅞	45⅞
Procter & Gmbl	47⅞	47⅞
Pub Serv E & G	33⅞	33⅞
Quaker Oats	62⅞	63⅞
Ralston Purina	46⅞	46⅞
Raychem Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Raytheon	58	58⅞
Reebok Intl	34⅞	35
Reynolds Metals	44⅞	44⅞
Roadway Srvs	59⅞	59⅞
Rockwell Intl	31½	32⅞
Rohm & Haas	61½	61½
Royal Dutch	89⅞	89⅞
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	63⅞	63⅞
St Paul's Cos	79⅞	79⅞
Salomon Inc	37	37⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	16	15⅞
Sara Lee Corp	24⅞	27⅞
Scecorp	48⅞	48⅞
Schering Plough	65⅞	64
Schlumberger	62⅞	63⅞
Scott Paper	34	34⅞
Seagram	28	28⅞
Sears Roebuck	53⅞	54⅞
Shell Trans	54⅞	54⅞
Sherwin Wlims	33	32⅞
Skyline Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Snap-On-Tools	35⅞	35⅞
Southern Co	43⅞	43⅞
Sthwestern Bell	76⅞	77⅞
Sprint Corp	33⅞	32⅞
Stanley Works	45⅞	46⅞
Sun Company	24⅞	24
Suntrust	44⅞	45⅞
Supervalu	31½	31½
Syntex Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Sysco Corp	24⅞	23⅞
TRW Inc	66⅞	67⅞
Tandem Comp	10⅞	10⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Telecom Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Teledyne	19⅞	20
Temple Inland	49⅞	49⅞
Tenneco	46⅞	46⅞
Texaco	63	63⅞
Texas Inst	55⅞	56⅞
Texas Utilities	45⅞	45⅞
Textron	48⅞	48⅞
Time Warner	33⅞	33⅞
Times-Mirror	31	30⅞
Timken	30⅞	30⅞
Torchmark	55	55
Toys R Us	38⅞	38⅞
Transamerica	50⅞	49⅞
Travelers Corp	29⅞	29
Tribune	54⅞	54⅞
Tyco Labs	44	43⅞
UAL Corp	144⅞	146⅞
UST Inc	29	28⅞
USX Marathon	18⅞	18⅞
Unilever NV	115⅞	115⅞
Union Camp	45⅞	45⅞
Union Carbide	19⅞	20⅞
Union Pacific	60⅞	60⅞
Unisys Corp	11½	11½
USAIR Group	21½	22⅞
USF&G Corp	18⅞	18
US Life	37⅞	37⅞
US West	42⅞	42⅞
United Tech	49⅞	49
Unocal Corp	29⅞	30⅞
Upjohn	30	29⅞
VF Corp	48½	48⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅞	26⅞
Warner-Lambert	71⅞	71½
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32⅞	32⅞
Wells Fargo	112⅞	114⅞
Westinghouse El	15½	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	44⅞	45⅞
Whirlpool	56⅞	55⅞
Whitman	13⅞	13⅞
Winn Dixie	54⅞	55
Woolworth	29⅞	30
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30⅞	31⅞
Xerox	79⅞	79⅞

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities spent another volatile session with prices at the longer end touching their resistance levels before boiling over and closing with losses on the day.

Dealers blamed the slide on profit-taking and lower European bond markets. Some investors are continuing to liquidate part of their portfolios in order to take up next week's gilt auction of £3 billion of Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998.

On the futures market, the June series of the Long Gilt touched a high for the day of £105 23/32, just a shade below its resistance level. It eventually closed 12 ticks down on the day at £104 7/8 with 42,000 contracts completed.

At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased four ticks to £105 1/32, while in shorts, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 ended six ticks lower at £102 7/8.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
107⅞	101⅞	Treas 12¾% 1993	101⅞	...	12.31	5.67
100⅛	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100⅛	...	6.00	5.81
106⅛	104⅞	Treas 13¾% 1993	104⅞xd	...	13.17	5.83
102⅞	101¼	Treas 8¼% 1994	101¼	...	8.34	5.93
109⅛	106¼	Treas 14½% 1994	106⅞	...	13.56	5.98
109⅛	107⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	107⅞†	...	12.59	6.04
105⅞	104⅞	Treas 10% 1994	104⅛	...	9.61	6.19
110⅞	107⅞	Exch 12¼% 1994	107⅞	...	11.60	6.35
105⅞	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	103⅞xd	+⅛	8.67	6.40
111⅞	108¼	Treas 12% 1995	108⅞	...	11.02	6.54
96¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95⅞xd	-⅛	3.13	5.24
109	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅞	...	9.54	6.64
116¼	113⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	114 †	...	11.18	6.71
120¼	117¼	Treas 14% 1996	117⅞	...	11.91	6.86
125¼	122¼	Treas 15¼% 1996	122¼ †	-⅛	12.47	6.97
120⅛	116⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅞†	+⅛	11.32	6.96
111¼	109	Conv 10% 1996	109⅞xd	-⅛	9.13	6.94
122⅛	119⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅞	-⅛	11.07	7.16
113¼	110⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	111⅛	-⅛	9.43	7.08
108⅞	105¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	106⅛	-⅛	8.24	7.05
132⅞	128⅞	Exch 15% 1997	129⅞†	-⅛	11.62	7.31
112¼	109⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	109⅞	-⅛	8.87	7.23
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103¼	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	100¼	...	7.19	7.05
101	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99¼ †	-⅛	6.81	6.96
138⅞	134⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	135⅞	-⅛	11.48	7.52
122¼	118⅞	Exch 12% 1998	119¼ †	-⅛	10.04	7.63
112¼	108⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	109⅞	-⅛	8.69	7.46
124⅞	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	121⅞	-⅛	10.09	7.68
117⅞	113¼	Treas 10½% 1999	114⅛†	-⅛	9.20	7.56
117⅞	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	113¼†	-⅛	9.02	7.58
110⅞	106	Conv 9% 2000	107⅞	-⅛	8.36	7.54
131	125¼	Treas 13% 2000	127⅞	-⅛	10.20	7.94
115⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	112⅛	...	8.91	7.88
129¼	125⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	126¼ †	-⅛	11.09	7.67
114⅞	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	111⅛	...	8.76	8.02
103⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	100⅞	...	7.96	7.94
116⅞	109¼	Treas 10% 2003	113⅛	-⅛	8.85	8.13

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
122⅞	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119⅞	...	9.64	8.15
74⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70⅞	-⅛	4.94	7.38
112¼	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	109⅞†	...	8.67	8.22
112⅞	105¼	Conv 9½% 2005	109¼	...	8.67	8.23
131¼	124⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127¼ †	...	9.78	8.47
101⅞	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅞	-⅛	8.07	8.17
125⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121⅞	-⅛	9.64	8.42
104⅛	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	101¼	...	8.35	8.31
139⅞	131⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135¼	...	9.96	8.47
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108⅞	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	105⅞xd	+⅛	8.51	8.33
99¼	92¼	Treas 8% 2009	97⅞	-⅛	8.23	8.38
108⅞	100¼	Conv 9% 2011	105¼	-⅛	8.54	8.43
108⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	105⅞	+⅛	8.55	8.45
76⅞	70¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅞xd	+⅛	7.35	8.10
97⅞	89¼	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+⅛	8.24	8.37
135⅞	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	132¼	+⅛	9.09	8.65
105⅞	97⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	102⅞	+⅛	8.52	8.50
		UNDATED				
48¼	43¼	Consols 4%	46⅞	+⅛	8.52	...
42⅞	38¼	War Ln 3½%	41	+⅛	8.54	...
63	60¼	Conv 3½%	62¼	+⅛	5.63	...
31¼	28¼	Consols 2½%	30⅞	+⅛	8.12	...
30¼	27⅞	Treas 2½%	29¼	+⅛	8.55	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133⅞	131¼	Treas IL 2% 1994	133⅞†	-⅛	...	1.06
197¼	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	198⅞	-⅛	1.74	2.54
109⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108¼ †	-⅛	2.22	2.83
166¼	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅞	+⅛	2.72	3.09
163⅞	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅞†	+⅛	2.86	3.16
111⅞	105¼	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	110¼ †	+⅛	3.00	3.29
170⅞	159¼	Treas IL 2% 2006	168⅞	+⅛	3.01	3.25
154¼	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152 †	+⅛	3.24	3.45
159⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157¼	+⅛	3.30	3.49
131¼	122¼	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128⅞	+⅛	3.38	3.55
139⅞	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137¼	+⅛	3.44	3.60
133⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131¼	+⅛	3.50	3.64
111¼	102¼	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108¼	+⅛	3.53	3.66
111⅞	103¼	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109⅞	+⅛	3.54	3.68

MAJOR CHANGES

FALLS:		RISES:	
Lloyds	531p (-10p)	Whitbread 'A'	471p (+9p)
Wellcome	736p (-24p)	Pearson	429p (+10p)
General Accident	571p (-11p)	MEPC	376p (+10p)
Liberty Life	825p (-16p)	MJ Gleeson	773p (+10p)
Campari	188p (-15p)	A McAlpine	186p (+12p)
Thomson Corp	775p (-10p)	Whessoe	352p (+15p)
British Petroleum	289½p (-10½p)	Fairline Boats	330p (+16p)
Shell	566p (-14p)	Thames TV	195p (+20p)
BAT	849p (-20p)	Brit Aerospace	318½p (+9½p)
Rothmans 'B'	615p (-21p)		
ADT	543p (-22p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

			RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anglio United Warrants	½	...	Atlas Convrtg Eqp n/p (550)	115	...
Brown (D) (170)	214	...	Avesco n/p (63)	26	...
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	105	...	Bemrose n/p (265)	70	...
For & Col US Slr Cos (100)	102	...	Bensons Crisps n/p (58)	6	...
For & Col US Slr Wts	41	...	Channel Holdings n/p (23)	2	+½
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	143	...	EIS n/p (340)	23	...
Holliday Chemical (195)	215	...	Harris (P) n/p (200)	11	...
Pilot Inv Trust (100)	97½	...	Headlam n/p (92)	28	...
Pilot Inv Wts	27	...	Ingham n/p (100)	11	-1
Qlty Software Prods (380)	495	-4	Mayflower Corp n/p (36)	11	+1
Westminster Hlth (260)	292	-2	Millwall n/p (2)	½	...
Yorkshire Food (110)	135	...			

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8880				
Series Mngd Fd	381.40	403.70	+4.40	...
Series Equity	482.40	510.50	+7.60	...
Series Prop Fd	389.60	412.30	-0.40	...
Series Fixed Int	306.10	324.00	-2.10	...
Series Money Fd	238.30	252.20	+0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	282.00	298.50	+3.50	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.07	17.97	+0.03	...
Bear	17.88	18.83	+0.11	...
Owl	17.66	18.59	+0.28	...
Bull	15.83	16.67	+0.14	...
Stag	16.60	17.48	+0.16	...
Gilt Edged	17.49	17.49	-0.14	...
Deposit	15.07	15.07	-0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.65	23.85	...	...
Bear	23.66	24.99	+0.27	...
Owl	23.26	24.49	+0.44	...
Bull	19.73	20.77	+0.21	...
Stag	19.95	21.01	+0.24	...
Gilt Edged	21.34	21.34	-0.15	...
Deposit	19.03	19.03	...	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	506.72	506.73	+5.86	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	304.90	320.95	+6.67	...
N Amer Equity	267.36	281.43	-5.47	...
Far East Equity	348.50	366.85	+1.01	...
Fixed	273.49	287.89	-2.15	...
Cash Deposit	193.69	203.89	+0.38	...
Property	102.22	107.61	-1.11	...
Special Opp	322.79	339.78	+13.04	...
Managed	266.54	280.57	+3.25	...
Index-Linked Fd	183.75	193.43	-1.23	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	249.00	262.20	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	438.30	461.30	-0.20	...
Equity Fd Inc	155.50	163.70	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	196.50	206.90	+3.10	...
Selective Fd	434.60	457.50	-0.40	...
Money Fd	354.70	373.40	-0.40	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	342.00	360.10	-0.20	...
Equity Ser 4	193.20	203.40	+2.40	...
Man Ser 4	584.40	615.20	+2.50	...
Conv Ser 4	311.20	327.60	-0.30	...
Money Ser 4	310.90	327.30	-0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	320.10	337.00	-3.30	...
American Ser 4	449.80	473.50	-15.90	...
High Inc Ser 4	587.50	618.50	+7.20	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	196.40	206.80	-2.40	...
Japan Ser 4	329.40	346.80	-4.90	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1393.1	1466.4	+20.20	...
European Fd Acc	298.00	313.60	-2.00	...
Fixed Int Acc	495.30	510.70	-3.60	...
Gld Money Acc	317.10	333.70	-0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	511.80	538.70	-2.80	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	311.20	327.60	-2.20	...
Japan Fund	259.20	272.80	-6.40	...
N American Acc	288.80	304.00	-7.60	...
Prop Fd Acc	367.10	386.30	-0.50	...
Multiple Inv Acc	922.30	970.80	+5.00	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	353.60	372.30	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	1209.0	1272.7	+6.40	...
Property Acc	467.20	491.80	-0.40	...
Far East Acc	243.00	255.80	-4.10	...
Managed Capital	472.80	497.70	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	934.40	983.60	+4.00	...
Overseas Acc	823.70	867.10	-14.80	...
Gilt Edged Acc	434.00	456.90	-0.70	...
Amer Equity Acc	674.70	710.30	-19.50	...
Amer Man Acc	290.60	305.90	-8.40	...
Amer Prop Acc	112.40	118.40	-2.80	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	136.00	143.10	-0.30	...
Balcd Ser 5	612.00	644.23	+2.90	...
Opportunity Ser 5	134.60	141.60	-0.60	...
UK Equities Ser 5	840.00	884.20	+11.60	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	889.20	935.90	+17.80	...
North Amer Ser 5	398.00	418.90	-8.40	...
Far East Ser 5	458.90	483.00	-6.00	...
Europe Ser 5	294.60	310.10	-1.50	...
Intnl Ser 5	478.80	504.00	-5.20	...
Property Ser 5	469.00	493.60	-0.50	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	386.50	406.80	+1.60	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	171.80	180.80	-0.90	...
Gterd Dep Ser 5	280.80	295.50	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	732.70	771.30	+10.80	...
-do- Initial	513.10	540.20	+7.60	...
Gilt Edged Acc	359.10	378.00	-3.20	...
-do- Initial	253.70	267.10	-2.20	...
International Acc	341.50	359.50	-4.50	...
-do- Initial	239.10	252.40	-3.10	...
Managed Acc	456.80	480.90	+2.00	...
-do- Initial	321.20	338.20	+1.50	...
Money Acc	276.40	291.00	+0.20	...
Property Acc	281.40	296.20	-0.40	...
-do- Initial	175.30	184.60	-0.10	...
America Acc	257.60	271.20	-5.10	...
Australia Acc	178.10	187.50	-4.40	...
Financial Acc	269.80	284.10	+4.60	...
500 Accum	388.50	409.00	-6.50	...
Japan Genl Acc	326.40	343.60	-8.40	...
Income Acc	456.60	480.70	+6.50	...
Leisure Acc	192.80	203.00	+3.20	...
Special Sits Acc	198.10	208.60	+6.30	...
Univ Tech Acc	126.80	133.50	-1.50	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	702.53	702.53	+3.22	...
Income Fund	670.40	705.69	+6.32	...
Extra Income	613.35	645.64	+6.36	...
Worldwide Gth	427.37	449.87	-0.17	...
Balanced Fund	587.03	617.93	+6.56	...
Smllr Cos Recov	592.19	623.36	+6.82	...
N Amer & Genl	335.40	353.06	-6.97	...
Pacific Basin	343.31	361.38	-5.07	...
German Growth	193.35	203.53	-1.49	...
Japan Growth	154.63	162.77	-2.49	...
The UK Gth Fd	185.96	195.75	-1.98	...
Contl Euro Gth	104.28	109.77	-0.78	...
Property Fund	338.75	356.58	+0.22	...
Fixed Interest	286.75	301.85	-3.21	...
Cash Fund	269.11	283.28	+0.13	...
Managed Inv	429.98	452.62	-1.98	...
Nth Amer Recov	217.79	229.26	-2.47	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	392.42	413.08	+3.39	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	137.80	145.80	+0.60	...
Performance Plus	134.30	142.10	+0.40	...
With Profit Perf	159.10	168.40	+0.30	...
UK Opportunity	156.90	166.00	-1.30	...
Euro Opportunity	170.40	180.30	+2.60	...
North Amer Opp	131.00	138.60	-2.10	...
Far East Opp	150.90	159.70	+2.80	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	152.90	161.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	149.60	158.30	+0.20	...
Fixed Int	165.30	174.90	-1.60	...
Cash	148.40	157.00	+0.10	...
Overseas	153.00	161.90	-0.90	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	287.90	303.10	+1.80	...
Property	193.70	203.90	+0.10	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	218.10	229.60	-2.70	...
Index-Linked	179.40	188.90	-0.80	...
Equity	316.20	332.90	+5.90	...
Cash	207.60	218.60	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	309.30	325.60	+1.80	...
CLife Intl Fd	321.90	338.90	-2.70	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£111.70	...	+1.00	...
Property Units	£25.12	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£57.10	£60.42	+0.05	...
2nd Equity Acc	565.30	598.20	+8.50	...
2nd High Inc Ac	536.70	567.90	+8.50	...
2nd Property Acc	230.70	244.10	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	165.90	175.60	-1.00	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	407.40	431.10	+0.40	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	195.70	207.10	-0.10	...
2nd Deposit Acc	267.20	282.80	-0.30	...
2nd Gilt Acc	271.70	287.50	-3.40	...
2nd Amer Acc	548.80	580.70	-14.60	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	246.70	261.10	-0.90	...
2nd Index Acc	181.60	192.20	-2.80	...
2nd Far East Acc	376.00	398.80	-4.40	...
2nd Global Acc	150.10	158.80	-1.50	...
2nd Euro Acc	131.40	139.00	-1.10	...
2nd Japan Acc	197.50	209.00	-3.20	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.10	72.10	...	...
2nd Int Cu Bd Acc	150.10	158.80	-1.20	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	111.30	117.80	+2.10	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	179.10	188.60		
Managed Fund	538.40	566.90	+6.50	...
Equity Fund	306.30	322.40	+5.20	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	247.10	260.20	-1.60	...
Ruby	137.70	145.00	-0.40	...
Emerald	132.70	139.70	-0.80	...
Equity	288.00	303.20	+5.90	...
Property	174.60	183.80	-0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	189.70	199.70	-1.60	...
Indexed Secs	156.00	164.30	-1.30	...
Cash	177.30	186.70	+0.10	...
Nth American	189.30	199.30	-6.50	...
Far East	241.30	254.00	+0.30	...
International	194.20	204.50	-1.40	...
Special Sits	264.40	278.40	+4.20	...
Intl Income	252.20	265.50	-0.60	...
American Inc	165.10	173.80	-3.70	...
European	243.70	256.60	-0.20	...
Japanese	135.50	142.70	-1.30	...
SE Asia	264.00	277.90	-2.70	...
With Profits Reg	146.10	153.80	+0.30	...
-do- Spec	146.10	153.80	+0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plan Funds				
Mixed	268.80	283.00	+0.10	...
Equity	324.30	341.40	+3.10	...
Property	169.30	178.30	-0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	226.20	238.20	-0.20	...
Index Linked	164.00	172.70	-1.20	...
Cash	231.30	243.50	+0.10	...
Nth American	231.60	243.80	-4.90	...
Far East Acc	274.40	288.90	-4.20	...
International Acc	240.90	253.60	-3.50	...
Special Sits	385.50	405.80	+5.70	...
European Flex	323.10	340.20	-0.10	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Unitskey	£304.31	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£280.88	...	...	...
-do- Cash	194.82	205.07	+0.12	...
-do- Equity	463.67	488.07	+2.13	...
-do- Fxd Int	339.57	357.44	-2.60	...
-do- Managed	338.62	356.44	+0.40	...
-do- Property	239.14	251.73	-1.08	...
(Penst Cash Cap	204.96	215.76	-0.07	...
-do- Cash Inv	283.49	298.42	+0.29	...
-do- Equity Cap	1262.3	1328.8	+0.20	...
-do- Equity Inv	1746.0	1837.9	+13.95	...
-do- Fixed Cap	369.18	388.62	-2.35	...
-do- Fixed Inv	510.64	537.52	-3.17	...
-do- Index Cap	200.23	210.78	-1.85	...
-do- Index Inv	276.95	291.54	-2.55	...
Mngd Cap	513.80	540.85	+1.51	...
Mngd Inv	710.66	748.08	+2.60	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (S)	1599.83	...	+3.69	...
Var Ann (S)	83.56	...	+0.36	...
Prime: Managed	348.20	366.60	+1.00	...
Prime: UK Equity	419.60	441.70	+6.90	...
Prime: Int Equity	296.00	369.50	-6.30	...
Prime: Property	194.50	204.80	+0.10	...
Prime Fxd Int	222.60	234.40	-0.70	...
Prime Index-Lnk	160.50	169.00	-1.20	...
Prime: Cash	194.80	205.10	+0.20	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	995.00	1047.3	...	...
Equity Fund	1424.3	1499.2	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	522.50	549.90	+3.70	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	338.60	356.40	-2.50	...
Life Equity Acc	715.70	753.30	+10.20	...
Life Money Acc	287.30	302.40	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	645.80	679.70	+2.20	...
Life Intl Acc	448.40	472.00	-4.80	...
Life High Inc Acc	681.20	717.00	+13.90	...
Life Property Acc	210.70	221.70	+0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	616.20	648.60	+4.30	...
DBS Managed	236.50	248.90	+1.70	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	166.20	175.00	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	216.40	227.80	-0.70	...
-do- Series 2	138.60	145.90	-0.50	...
Adventurous Fd	177.90	187.30	-4.30	...
-do- Series 2	133.20	140.30	-3.30	...
Performance Fd	217.10	228.60	-3.60	...
-do- Series 2	140.10	147.50	-2.30	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	136.70	143.90	-0.80	...
UK Equity Fund	140.00	147.40	+2.10	...
Property Fund	102.60	108.10	-0.10	...
Envrnmntl Opps	139.90	147.30	+1.90	...
Euro Fund	140.00	147.40	-0.10	...
North Amer Fd	168.00	176.90	-5.20	...
Oriental Ops	149.50	157.40	+1.10	...
Japanese Fund	114.90	121.00	-2.20	...
Bd & West Life	112.80	118.80	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	124.40	131.00	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	245.20	254.10	-3.90	3.60
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	266.20	280.30	-0.80	...
UK Equity	356.60	375.40	+4.10	...
Stewardship	307.60	323.80	+4.60	...
Overseas Equity	235.10	247.50	-3.30	...
North American	127.40	134.20	-4.60	...
Pacific Basin	126.70	133.40	-1.60	...
European	164.90	173.60	-1.70	...
Property	188.60	198.60	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	206.80	217.70	-2.60	...
Index Linked	154.40	162.60	-1.20	...
Cash	189.30	199.20	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567				
GT Plan Far East	291.30	306.70	-2.30	...
GT Plan Wwide	409.40	431.00	-1.60	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	179.80	189.20	-0.20	...
Unitised Profit	120.60	126.90	+0.50	...
UK Equity	245.30	258.10	+2.20	...
Fixed Int	178.80	188.10	-0.20	...
Index-Linked	155.00	163.00	-0.80	...
Cash Deposit	166.30	174.90	+0.10	...
Property	159.80	168.20	+0.50	...
International	160.70	169.00	-0.50	...
American	141.70	149.10	-5.10	...
Japan	225.80	237.60	-4.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	218.30	229.70	-4.20	...
European	153.50	161.50	-2.30	...
Pacific Fund	209.80	220.70	-2.30	...
Conv Life	129.60	136.40	-1.40	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	627.20	637.20	-0.90	...
-do- Inv A	627.10	660.20	-0.80	...
UK Equity	363.80	283.00	+5.30	...
Gilt Plus	195.00	205.40	-2.10	...
Managed	273.40	287.90	-0.30	...
Inter Man	245.60	258.60	-1.80	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	641.90	676.40	+0.70	...
Money Fund	300.60	316.40	-0.20	...
Equity Fund	559.20	589.20	...	...
Fixed Interest	259.00	272.90	-4.30	...
Property Fund	332.10	349.90	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	475.00	500.50	-6.60	...
Income	651.10	686.10	+9.60	...
International Gth	514.90	542.60	-3.00	...
Capital Fund	557.90	587.90	+8.80	...
Recovery Fund	529.70	558.20	+2.10	...
Japan & General	248.30	261.60	-4.00	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	636.30	662.90	...	...
Managed Initial	409.20	430.80	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	582.70	592.30	+4.10	...
Equity Initial	603.30	635.00	+10.40	...
-do- Acc	829.50	873.20	+14.70	...
Fixed Int Initial	403.80	425.10	-4.00	...
-do- Acc	555.30	584.50	-5.30	...
Intl Initial	400.80	421.90	-6.70	...
-do- Acc	551.10	580.10	-8.90	...
Nth Amer Initial	161.60	170.00	-11.50	...
-do- Acc	202.20	212.80	-14.20	...
Pacific Initial	210.60	221.60	-6.20	...
-do- Acc	261.00	274.90	-7.50	...
Property Initial	149.80	157.70	...	...
-do- Acc	205.70	216.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	153.40	161.50	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	192.00	202.10	-2.00	...
Deposit Initial	192.90	203.00	...	...
-do- Acc	265.20	279.20	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	81.40	85.70	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	94.10	99.10	-1.20	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	145.20	152.80	+1.10	...
-do- Pens	172.10	181.10	+1.60	...
UK Equity	142.50	150.00	+2.20	...
-do- Pens	156.20	164.40	+3.00	...
International	127.80	134.50	-0.50	...
-do- Pens	137.60	144.80	-0.60	...
Deposit	133.40	140.40	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	154.80	162.90	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	346.90	369.10	+2.20	...
North America	307.80	322.30	-7.90	...
Far East Fund	488.70	519.90	-0.20	...
Global Managed	399.50	425.10	-1.10	...
Deposit Fund	217.80	229.30	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	...	...
European Fund	214.00	227.70	-2.70	...
Fixed Interest	69.20	73.70	-0.60	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	454.50	481.00	+5.70	...
British Fund	458.50	485.20	+5.20	...
International	445.80	471.80	-5.30	...
Dollar Fund	324.10	343.00	-8.50	...
Capital Fund	412.50	436.60	+2.30	...
Income Fund	614.40	650.20	-13.30	...
Property Series A	380.80	403.00	...	...
Property Units	616.40	647.30	...	...
Financial Fund	469.40	496.80	+8.00	...
Managed Ser A	476.70	504.50	+3.30	...
-do- C	274.90	290.90	+1.60	...
Managed Units	851.00	895.80	+5.80	...
High Yield Fund	569.20	602.40	+7.90	...
Money Series A	273.10	289.00	-0.10	...
Money Units	359.70	378.70	-0.30	...
Equity Fund	543.70	575.40	+3.50	...
Fixed Interest	346.20	366.40	+2.20	...
Indexed Secs	170.50	180.50	-1.30	...
European Fund	608.60	644.10	-5.20	...
Natural Res	234.50	248.20	-1.40	...
Far East Fund	522.10	552.50	-7.20	...
Smaller Cos	405.20	428.80	+9.50	...
Special Sits	390.60	413.40	+5.60	...
Man Currency	249.30	263.90	-0.50	...
Japanese Tech	233.70	247.40	-6.30	...
US Smaller Cos	183.60	194.30	+0.40	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	486.90	512.50	+4.10	...
Global Property	255.60	269.00	...	...
Global Fixed Int	467.50	492.10	-4.90	...
Global Equity	519.40	546.70	+6.80	...
Global Cash	202.50	213.80	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	444.50	467.90	-1.80	...
Property	410.40	432.00	-0.80	...
Managed	368.70	388.10	-0.90	...
American	352.10	370.60	-7.50	...
UK Equity Fd	404.70	426.00	-4.20	...
Japan	192.80	202.90	-4.50	...
Index-Lkd	176.00	185.30	-1.50	...
High Yield	749.00	788.40	+14.70	...
Growth Cap	401.40	422.50	-2.30	...
Money	381.70	401.80	+0.40	...
International	332.70	350.20	-3.40	...
Henderson Active	190.30	200.30	+0.90	...
Perpetual Active	276.40	290.90	+0.40	...
Growth Cap	401.40	422.50	-2.30	...
-do- Acc	572.50	602.60	+3.50	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Inh	134.90	142.10	...	...
-do- Acc	176.90	186.20	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	126.60	133.30	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	149.50	157.40	+2.60	...
Cash Initial	166.70	175.50	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	273.00	287.40	+0.20	...
Equity Initial	588.10	619.10	+7.30	...
-do- Acc	962.80	1013.5	+11.80	...
Fixed Initial	337.40	355.20	-2.30	...
-do- Acc	552.40	581.50	-3.90	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	131.30	138.30	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	183.40	193.10	-1.70	...
Intl Initial	301.70	317.60	-3.30	...
-do- Acc	486.30	511.90	-5.40	...
Managed Initial	429.50	452.20	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	703.20	740.30	+2.50	...
Property Initial	183.20	192.90	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	300.00	315.80	+0.70	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5800				
Managed Fund	314.90	331.50	+2.00	...
UK Equity	529.40	556.30	+10.40	...
Property	272.80	287.50	-0.20	...
Money Market	240.00	252.70	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	291.80	307.20	-1.90	...
Japan	362.00	396.40	-5.10	...
North America	145.30	153.00	-5.30	...
International	259.70	273.40	-3.60	...
European	233.60	245.90	-2.50	...
Far East	113.20	119.20	-1.10	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£305.70	...	+12.30	...
Fixed Interest	£372.20	...	-3.40	...
Property	£339.90	...	+0.50	...
Deposit	£276.00	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£322.60	...	+2.90	...
Indexed Stock	£199.00	...	-3.50	...
International	£249.20	...	-2.30	...
Equity A	£187.40	...	+2.80	...
Fixed Int A	£165.60	...	-1.50	...
Property A	£149.80	...	+0.20	...
Deposit A	£162.60	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£172.20	...	+0.90	...
Index Stock A	£156.20	...	-1.90	...
International A	£156.10	...	-1.50	...
Equity P	£651.90	...	+11.90	...
Fixed Int P	£477.80	...	-4.50	...
Property P	£271.30	...	+0.30	...
Deposit P	£319.40	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£471.30	...	+3.10	...
Index Stock P	£227.90	...	-2.30	...
International P	£281.00	...	-3.40	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£522.00	...	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	£812.40	...	+5.10	...
Property Cap	£156.90	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£236.90	...	-0.10	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£193.40	...	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	£292.50	...	-3.50	...
Equity Cap	£300.10	...	+3.40	...
-do- Acc	£458.50	...	+5.60	...
Internatl Cap	£217.40	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£329.10	...	+0.20	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£170.60	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£255.60	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£327.50	...	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	£499.40	...	+2.80	...
Moneymaker Fd	£394.70	...	+2.30	...
Capital Growth	£1451.3	...	+15.50	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	367.80	386.30	-9.30	...
Amer Rec Bond	419.70	440.80	-8.20	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	197.00	207.00	-4.90	...
Australasia Bd	169.00	177.50	-0.50	...
Commodity Bond	227.30	238.80	+0.30	...
Deposit Bond Acc	343.80	361.10	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1236.0	1297.9	+28.60	...
European Bd Acc	293.50	308.20	-2.60	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	620.00	651.10	+20.20	...
Far East Bd Acc	250.20	262.80	-0.70	...
Gilt Bond Acc	399.80	419.90	-4.70	...
Gold Bond Acc	102.80	108.00	+2.50	...
High Yield Bond	309.20	324.80	+6.80	4.33
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	198.30	208.30	-1.60	...
International Bd	623.60	654.80	-7.20	...
Japan Bond Acc	250.00	262.60	-7.80	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	228.00	239.50	-1.20	...
Managed Bonds	736.80	773.70	+0.50	...
Prop Bond Acc	296.70	311.60	+0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	642.50	674.80	+15.10	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	209.70	220.80	-2.80	...
UK Equity Acc	279.50	294.30	+3.90	...
Special Sits	84.90	89.40	+1.60	...
Special Sits Acc	113.20	119.20	+2.20	...
North American	169.90	178.90	-4.10	...
N American Acc	226.50	238.50	-5.30	...
Pacific Basin	311.70	328.20	-1.50	...
Pacific Basin Acc	415.50	437.40	-1.90	...
Fixed Interest	277.30	291.90	-2.60	...
Fixed Interest Acc	370.10	389.60	-3.10	...
Property	152.30	160.40	-0.20	...
Property Acc	203.30	214.00	-0.20	...
Deposit	150.90	158.90	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	202.00	212.70	-0.30	...
Managed	236.70	249.20	-0.90	...
Managed Acc	290.90	306.30	+1.40	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	616.20	648.60	+2.40	...
Property Fund	473.30	498.20	+0.40	...
Equity Fund	765.50	805.80	+13.10	...
Gilt Edged Fd	555.20	584.40	-4.10	...
Deposit Fund	313.30	329.80	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	323.20	339.40	-5.60	...
International	490.00	515.80	-7.90	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin 0272 266366 Prices 081 789 2945 or 0272 732297				
Property	392.30	412.90	+0.20	...
Equity Bond	307.50	323.60	-5.00	...
Money Mrkt Bd	501.10	527.40	-3.60	...
Deposit Fund	359.00	377.80	+0.30	...
Managed Fund	413.00	434.70	+3.00	...
Intl Equity	483.20	508.60	-0.90	...
Intl Managed	459.00	483.10	+0.70	...
North American	189.60	199.50	-0.60	...
Far East	362.30	381.30	...	...
Intl Currency	256.70	269.10	-0.60	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	129.80	136.60	+0.60	...
Fixed Interest	491.30	517.00	-3.80	...
Managed	620.80	653.40	+1.10	...
Deposit	320.90	337.70	+0.20	...
Property	356.60	375.30	-5.10	...
American	378.80	398.70	-7.30	...
Australian	435.60	458.50	-0.80	...
European	447.60	471.10	-5.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	245.80	258.70	-1.50	...
Global Managed	125.80	132.40	+0.20	...
Income Acc	688.00	724.30	+5.50	...
-do- Dist	438.20	461.30	+4.20	5.18
International	277.40	292.50	-5.20	...
Japan Smaller	451.70	475.40	-10.10	...
Singapore & Mal	259.70	273.30	...	...
Smaller Cos	334.00	351.50	-10.00	...
Tokyo Fund	630.90	663.60	-5.80	...
UK Equity	540.20	568.60	+4.40	...
CCM Vangd Mg	652.90	686.80	+1.60	...
Equity Pens Cap	871.90	917.70	+5.90	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	420.10	442.30	-0.30	...
UK Equity	526.20	553.90	+7.70	...
Overseas Equity	410.60	432.30	-9.50	...
Americas	367.50	386.90	-8.90	...
Far East	447.50	471.10	-9.00	...
Property	193.80	204.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	336.80	354.60	-2.00	...
Indexed Gilt	214.50	225.80	-1.80	...
Deposit	205.00	215.80	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1212.4	1276.2	+5.30	...
Eqty Fund	2664.7	2804.9	+32.10	...
Property Fd	435.90	458.80	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	551.90	580.90	-1.30	...
Deposit Fund	327.80	345.10	+0.40	...
Intl Fund	202.00	212.60	-1.60	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	139.10	146.50	+0.30	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	265.00	279.00	+0.70	...
Inv Equity	1053.8	1109.3	+14.10	...
Inv Managed	730.40	768.80	+3.80	...
Ret Managed	797.40	839.40	+0.90	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	685.60	729.40	+1.90	...
Cash Fund	320.10	337.40	+0.30	...
Property Fund	217.60	231.50	...	...
Equity Fund	776.90	826.50	-2.80	...
Fxd Interest Fund	421.90	444.60	-1.40	...
International	348.70	371.00	-1.30	...
High Income	620.80	660.50	+4.40	...
Far East	471.10	501.20	+2.90	...
North American	455.00	484.10	-5.80	...
Special Sits	558.90	594.60	+5.60	...
Technology	420.60	447.50	-7.80	...
Extra Income Fd	333.30	354.60	-0.30	...
Gilt Fund	448.30	477.00	-3.10	...
European	127.10	135.30	-0.60	...
Adventurous Mg	176.80	186.20	+0.10	...
Secure Mgd	129.80	138.10	+0.40	...
Equity Inc Dist	109.60	116.60	+0.20	5.07
North American	104.00	110.70	+0.10	5.79
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	266.40	281.10	+2.70	...
Fxd Interest Acc	221.40	233.60	-2.60	...
International Acc	223.80	236.10	-2.10	...
Managed Acc	193.70	204.30	-1.20	...
Property Acc	221.20	233.40	...	...
Money Acc	145.80	153.90	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	187.90	198.30	+2.40	...
Japan Equity Acc	114.10	120.40	-2.20	...
N Amer Acc	144.00	152.00	-4.70	...
Pacific Acc	134.90	142.30	-0.90	...
European Acc	122.70	129.50	-0.90	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	410.40	432.00	+2.70	...
Managed Initial	291.70	307.10	+1.80	...
Equity Ord	618.40	650.90	+9.80	...
Equity Init	439.60	462.70	+6.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	193.40	203.60	-1.10	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	143.50	151.10	-1.00	...
Oseas Equity Ord	322.20	339.20	-2.70	...
Oseas Equity Init	229.00	241.10	-2.10	...
Property Ord	222.50	235.30	+0.20	...
Property Init	158.90	167.30	-0.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	258.20	271.80	-0.90	...
Fixed Int Init	183.50	193.20	-0.80	...
Deposit Ord	195.50	205.80	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.00	146.30	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	297.50	309.90	+0.70	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	650.10	693.80	+3.20	...
Equity Fund	1299.0	1367.4	+15.80	...
Intl Fund	502.10	528.60	-7.90	...
Fixed Interest	533.90	562.00	-2.90	...
Property Fund	370.00	396.50	...	...
Cash Fund	347.40	365.70	+0.30	...
Pacific Basin	271.30	285.60	-2.60	...
N American Fd	203.90	214.70	-7.70	...
Euro Fund	216.20	227.60	-3.00	...
Balanced Fund	133.00	140.00	+0.20	...
Strategic Fund	136.20	143.40	-0.60	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1637.90	...	...	...
-do- Acc	411.30	432.90	...	...
Op Prop	412.50	434.30	...	...
Op Equity	878.50	924.80	+8.00	...
Op High Yield	522.40	549.90	-4.60	...
Op Managed	719.40	757.30	+2.60	...
Op Deposit	373.30	392.90	...	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	281.50	296.40	-3.00	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	214.60	225.90	-8.70	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	225.30	237.20	+1.40	...
Gilt	78.10	82.30	...	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	324.80	341.90	+6.90	...
Global Bond	112.00	117.90	-0.80	...
Global (35.34)	153.00	161.10	-1.50	...
Gold Share	54.30	57.20	+0.80	...
High Income	280.70	294.50	+2.80	...
Income	394.80	415.60	+3.10	...
Japan	381.30	401.40	-9.70	...
UK Smlr Cos	273.70	288.20	-3.40	...
Mngd Growth	401.70	422.90	+3.40	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	853.40	903.00	+3.40	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	341.80	359.70	+1.30	...
Equity Fund	478.70	503.80	+5.00	...
Property Fund	247.00	260.00	-0.10	...
International	392.50	403.10	-13.20	...
Pacific Basin	228.40	240.40	-7.30	...
United States	209.50	220.50	+0.20	...
Gilt Fund	327.20	344.40	-2.70	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	657.40	695.70	+2.80	...
Deposit Fund (2)	348.50	368.80	+0.20	...
Gilt Fund	470.60	498.00	-3.90	...
Global Equity Fd	197.50	209.00	-1.40	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	+0.20	...
AG Bond Fund	138.60	146.70	+1.70	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	494.30	520.40	+6.50	...
Fixed Interest	332.00	349.50	-2.60	...
Index-Linked	183.50	193.20	-2.10	...
International	375.10	394.90	-8.80	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	218.90	230.50	+0.60	...
Managed	391.80	412.50	+0.40	...
Cap Gteed Bd	98.60	103.80	+0.80	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	171.64	180.67	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	150.30	158.20	-1.60	...
Fixed Interest	167.80	176.60	-1.70	...
Mixed	218.40	229.90	-1.10	...
UK Equity	212.90	224.10	+2.60	...
International	216.70	228.10	-3.60	...
American	224.10	235.80	-7.50	...
Japan	226.20	238.20	-6.80	...
European	204.30	215.10	-3.10	...
Pacific	296.20	311.80	-3.90	...
Technology	280.40	295.20	-6.50	...
Currncy/Currncy	214.70	226.00	-0.30	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	173.40	182.60	+0.20	...
UK Equity	316.90	333.70	+3.70	...
American	218.80	230.40	-12.50	...
Pacific	287.40	302.60	-7.70	...
European	397.30	418.20	-4.90	...
International	263.70	277.70	-5.80	...
Fixed Interest	225.10	237.00	-0.80	...
Index Linked	187.90	197.90	-0.80	...
Deposit	183.30	193.10	...	...
Managed	250.70	264.00	-0.30	...
Worldwide	106.20	111.90	-0.20	...
Pen Worldwide	110.20	116.10	+0.30	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1437.8	1482.3	...	...
Safety Fund	213.70	225.00	-0.10	...
Growth Fund	201.50	212.20	-0.70	...
Opportunity Fd	200.20	210.80	-0.90	...
Cash Fund	165.60	174.40	+0.10	...
European Fund	288.90	304.20	-7.50	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	180.80	190.40	-0.30	...
Index-Linked Fd	171.80	180.90	-1.10	...
International Fd	243.20	256.10	-9.40	...
North American	210.30	221.40	-12.30	...
Property Fund	114.50	120.60	-0.10	...
UK Equity	215.70	227.10	+1.50	...
UK Smaller	190.20	200.30	+4.90	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	233.60	246.00	+1.50	...
Equity	248.20	261.40	+3.70	...
International	239.70	252.40	-0.60	...
Property	193.70	204.00	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	207.70	218.70	-1.80	...
Index Linked	170.30	179.40	-1.50	...
Cash	178.30	187.80	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	835.00	835.00	+3.30	...
Inv Pol 2	762.00	802.20	+3.30	...
Inv Pol 3	734.20	772.90	+3.10	...
Inv Cash	296.30	312.00	+0.30	...
Mixed Fund	405.30	426.90	+5.10	...
Equity Fund	474.80	499.80	+2.40	...
Property Fund	203.30	214.10	-0.30	...
International Fd	404.00	425.40	-8.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	341.40	359.40	-2.50	...
Indexed Stock Fd	187.20	197.20	-1.60	...
Cash Fund	215.80	227.20	+0.30	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	324.80	341.80	+0.80	...
Equity Acc	375.30	395.00	+2.90	...
International Acc	299.80	315.50	-0.90	...
Property	210.80	221.80	+0.30	...
Royal Trust Mg	212.20	223.30	+0.30	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	255.30	268.80	+0.10	...
Equity	882.40	928.90	+12.70	...
European	138.20	145.50	-2.20	...
Far East	142.40	149.90	-3.00	...
Fixed Interest	365.60	384.90	-0.30	...
Index Linked	195.00	205.30	-1.10	...
International	521.30	548.80	-12.40	...
Managed	613.30	645.60	+2.10	...
Nth American	133.00	140.00	-5.40	...
Property	305.40	321.50	-0.10	...
Pensions				
Cash	391.00	411.60	+0.30	...
Equity	1240.3	1305.6	+18.70	...
European	161.30	169.80	-3.20	...
Far East	109.60	115.40	-2.40	...
Fixed Interest	485.30	510.90	-0.90	...
Index Linked	269.70	283.90	-2.60	...
International	714.20	751.80	-19.00	...
Managed	838.80	883.00	+2.80	...
Nth American	163.50	172.20	-7.70	...
Property	385.60	405.90	+0.80	...
Stock Exchange	189.50	199.50	+0.70	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	565.50	595.30	-1.90	...
Equity Fund	762.40	802.60	+7.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	387.60	408.00	-1.00	...
Index-Linked Fd	288.20	303.40	-2.50	...
Property Fund	409.10	430.70	+0.40	...
International Fd	535.70	563.90	-13.60	...
N American Fd	199.70	210.30	-4.90	...
Far East Fund	182.00	191.60	-1.20	...
Deposit Fund	279.20	293.90	+0.30	...
International Bd	£272.13	...	+1.37	...
Worldwide Bond	153.40	161.50	-1.40	...
Worldwide Fincl	78.50	82.70	+0.10	...
Worldwide Tech	93.20	98.20	...	...
European	133.10	140.20	-2.60	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	558.70	588.20	+0.20	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	430.00	459.70	+50.60	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£467.10	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£438.50	...	+0.50	...
Agricultural Fd	£254.20	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£724.60	...	+0.50	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£376.30	...	+0.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£399.70	...	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	£298.80	...	-0.90	...
Investment (A)	£287.50	...	-0.80	...
Equity	£1100.5	...	+10.10	...
Equity Acc	£1057.7	...	+9.80	...
Money Fund	£441.80	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£423.80	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£512.00	...	-0.30	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£361.30	...	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	£361.30	...	-0.90	...
Retire Annuity	£976.60	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£293.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£214.30	...	+0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1241.7	...	...	...
Managed Acc	£736.10	...	-0.20	...
Equity Account	£1032.6	...	-9.70	...
Mngd Fund Acc	341.60	359.50	-0.30	...
Equity Fund Acc	455.40	479.40	-4.60	...
Prop Fund Acc	221.50	233.20	-0.70	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	283.50	298.40	-2.50	...
Money Fund Acc	210.00	221.00	-0.30	...
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	198.20	208.70	+0.90	...
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Pens Fixed Int	251.90	265.20	-2.20	...
Pens Intl	209.10	220.10	-1.50	...
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SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	774.00	814.80	+6.10	...
Property Acc	278.20	292.90	+0.10	...
Equity Acc	1272.4	1339.4	+19.20	...
Fixed Int Acc	359.70	378.70	...	...
Index-Linked Acc	192.80	203.00	-1.40	...
Cash Acc	293.20	308.70	+0.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	321.40	338.40	-2.00	...
Japan Acc	285.40	300.50	+4.90	...
Pacific Acc	276.90	291.50	+2.40	...
Far Eastern Acc	659.80	694.60	+6.30	...
International Acc	478.60	503.80	-1.90	...
Distribution Fund	274.00	288.50	-0.20	6.59
European	150.10	158.10	-0.30	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	250.70	263.90	+1.40	...
Property Fund	178.80	188.20	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	206.90	217.80	-1.30	...
Money Fund	189.50	199.50	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	325.90	342.70	+1.70	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	237.80	250.40	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	39.20	42.10	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	312.80	329.30	-1.60	...
Gold	67.00	70.60	+0.70	...
Managed	535.80	564.00	+0.90	...
Mngd Growth	167.10	175.90	-1.20	...
Mngd Opp	173.20	182.40	+1.00	...
Property	253.30	266.70	...	...
Residential Prop	90.90	95.70	+0.20	...
TSB American	179.60	189.10	-6.00	...
TSB Brit Gwth	715.00	753.60	+6.10	...
TSB European	229.20	241.30	-2.30	...
TSB Income	345.10	363.20	+7.50	...
TSB Intl	363.50	382.70	-5.50	...
TSB Intl Inc	271.90	285.80	+1.00	...
TSB Pacific	323.00	340.00	-1.10	...
TSB Prem Inc	236.30	248.90	-0.80	...

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Open-ended road to insecurity



COMMENT

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Anyone tempted to act as guarantor for a loved one or to allow their home to be used as security for a bank loan should pay heed to a case before the House of Lords next week. The case of Barclays v O'Brien has been running since before the recession was a twinkle in the Chancellor's eye. Barclays won the right to repossess in 1990 but has not proceeded because of the appeal.

At issue is whether a guarantor or the joint owner of a family home gives an open ended permission for the loan to be increased and extended over the years. Too often, parents, wives and other relatives agree that a small loan or overdraft should be secured on their home only to find out years later that the bank has allowed the initial £5,000 to be added to again and again so that virtually the whole value of the property is in hock when the business that the loans were for collapses.

It is incredible that an agreement made years ago in the first flush of married bliss or business partnership can continue unabated beyond divorce or being fired. Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, called for guarantees to have a *maximum liability. Then banks and* partners would need to obtain new permissions when they want to increase their overdraft facility or take on a new loan.

The banking code of practice ensures that guarantors should be given guidance by a solicitor on the legal implications before signing on the dotted line. However, bank managers under pressure from head office to bring their loan portfolios under control may take short cuts on occasions. While converting an unsecured loan to a secured one without the permission of a spouse would not stand up in court when repossession was sought, too often people give up the keys of their homes without a fight.

The best way to ensure that guarantors and joint home owners are protected is to require that they are advised in the offices of an independent solicitor before they sign and that the limit of the borrowing is clearly stated. The case before the Lords next week is complicated and is expected to run for four days and then the parties will have to wait weeks for the judgment. Meanwhile, banks are, no doubt, reviewing their procedures.

Unfortunately there are hundreds of thousands of people already in danger. Many will not realise that loans have burgeoned during the recession. Too often, elderly parents find that their home used to guarantee a child's business venture has to be sold because in the attempt to keep the business going, more and more has been borrowed. Banks cannot be comfortable with this situation.

Royal racket

Every day, thousands of investors are handing over large chunks of their worldly wealth to fund managers and investment companies. They rightly expect this money to be properly invested in order to give the best possible return. Otherwise they might as well leave it in the building society or even under the mattress.

So those who invested money for their pension provision in a Royal Life broker fund have every right to feel aggrieved at what was revealed this week to be at best a cavalier carelessness with their fund. Royal Life has admitted that it mistakenly duplicated an instruction from the broker managing the fund. Bridger Telfer Investment Management, resulting in a withdrawal of more than £900,000. This represented more than 70 per cent of the fund's total value.

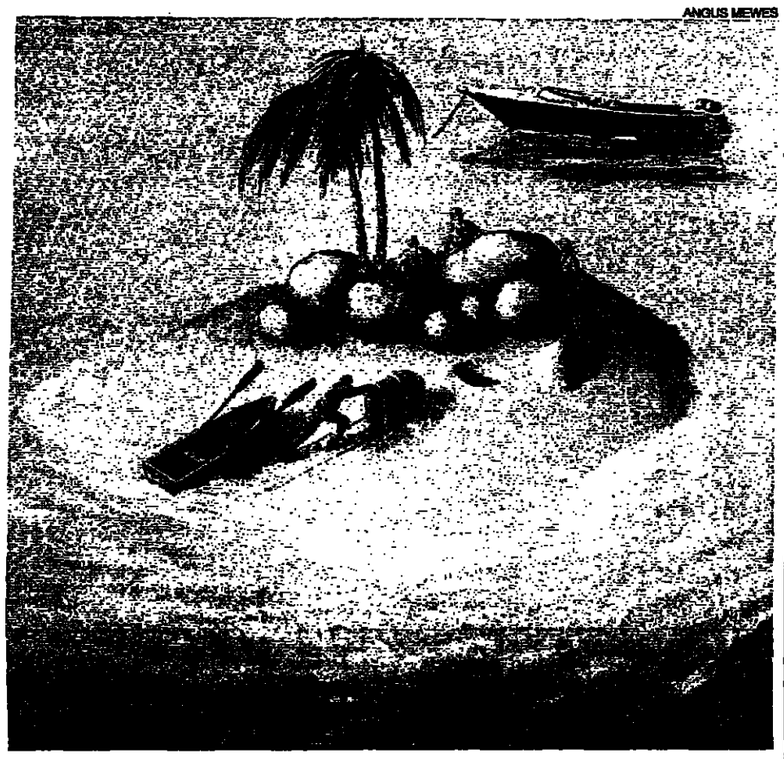
It took three years for this to come to light, despite the best efforts of Bridger Telfer to try to get the company to investigate. During this time, investors quite legitimately cashing in some or all of their pension fund were being effectively subsidised by other investors putting money into the fund, because the fund was so undercapitalised it could not perform adequately. If this had been allowed to go on any longer, it could have got to a stage where there was no longer enough money to pay investors taking their pension money.

When the error was finally discovered, Royal reinstated the money withdrawn but refused to pay interest on the money during the time it had hung onto the funds or say how much interest it had earned on the money. This in itself is a breach of regulations. This week the Ombudsman ruled in a test case involving one of the fund's investors that Royal should pay £300,000, the amount the Ombudsman calculated would have been earned in interest if left in the Halifax building society.

Revelations of this sort do nothing to help the cause of insurance companies and their representatives, who are constantly extolling the virtues and safety of pensions invested in insurance company funds rather than the pension funds of employers.

SIB wins injunctions against LW Investment

Lindsay Cook reports on the activities of an overseas investment firm



ANGUS MEWES

THE Securities and Investments Board fears that investors tempted by high returns could have lost millions of pounds by putting money with an investment firm based in Delaware, but also operating out of Limassol, in Cyprus, and South Africa.

The board obtained an injunction this week in the High Court in London preventing LW Investment Corporation (LWI) and Ian Francis Lloyd-Wright, its principal director, from conducting investment business, making unsolicited calls and making misleading statements in the United Kingdom.

The regulator was also granted a worldwide Mareva injunction to freeze assets of the company. These could be substantial as SIB has knowledge of 20 investments totalling £750,000 in the past three months.

David Cresswell, of SIB, said: "It appears that the Lloyd-Wright investors we've spoken to worked abroad and were dissatisfied with the savings rates they were earning. Mr Lloyd-Wright's offer of rates between 12.4 per cent and 14 per cent, plus various bonuses and "interesting" tax angles, were just too tempting to turn down."

The regulator was first alerted to the case by Eagle Star International, which was concerned about the number of people surrendering policies in order that they could take up Mr Lloyd-Wright's offer.

The board is aware of another 30 investors and wants to hear from anyone who has dealt with LWI directly or through Mr Lloyd-Wright.

It does not know whether the £250,000 a month taken in by the firm recently is typical of its dealings over a long period. "We don't yet know whether that's the sort of amount they've been raking in over the past few years, or whether there's been an increase recently," Mr Cresswell said.

Mr Lloyd-Wright is well-known to the authorities. In the seventies and early eighties, he ran a school fees investment service but left the country when it was insolvent. His former wife was jailed for two years in 1990. At her trial at Gloucester Crown Court, where she pleaded guilty to taking money from 278 clients all over Britain, it was said that the business was in trouble when he fled the country and she tried to keep it running.

He moved first of all to Dubai, also operated out of Guernsey, and then set up in Cyprus. About the time of his wife's court appearance Mr Lloyd-Wright was said to have commission earnings of $1 million a year and needed a private jet on occasions to take him from client to client on his busy schedule. Last year, Mr Lloyd-Wright trading as St James Securities and I & J Trustees, advertised abroad for investments using an address in Piccadilly, London. These advertisements were largely targeted at people in Cyprus and the Gulf.

In July, the Guernsey Financial Services Commission gave notice that I & J Trustees, Lloyd Wright International (CI) and Lloyd Wright International Financial Management had been struck off the register of Guernsey companies and had been dissolved.

Investors have long been vulnerable to offshore firms making claims that cannot be met and sometimes more unscrupulous operators who have no intention of investing savings as their prospecuses suggest. Regulation, whilst sometimes falling short of the desired standards in this country, can be totally absent in other countries.

When the Barlow Clowes investment empire fell apart, it was discovered that the British funds appeared to be invested as expected, but the international funds were largely missing. Because of the ease of moving money around the organisation this did not automatically mean that those investors in the onshore gilt operation had title to the gilts that were located.

The company "invested" in boats, aircraft and a French chateau, which were used to entertain the salesmen persuading pensioners and others to put their money offshore.

The shock of this collapse had frightened many investors away from offshore companies. The failure of the British & Commonwealth merchant bank and, later, the larger and more dramatic closure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International by the Bank of England, plus more recent difficulties have not filled onshore investors with confidence.

Risks abroad for the unwary

FALLING savings rates in the UK are driving investors offshore in search of better returns (Liz Dolan writes).

According to the Securities and Investments Board, one of the significant aspects of this week's court case involving Ian Lloyd-Wright was the urge by his unfortunate clients to swap low-performing building society and life assurance products for what appeared to be much better deals offshore.

Ex-patriots living or working abroad are particularly vulnerable to the attentions of shady investment groups that promise mouth-watering returns, tax free. David Major, tax partner with Touche Ross, said: "It frightens me just how many people are taken to the cleaners by what we call "carpet baggers" — people who set up in, say, a hotel room in Saudi Arabia and sell to British workers.

"They say: 'We can earn you marvellous returns that the taxman can't get at.' Their victims think: 'Great, no tax.' They don't think: 'How much is this costing me?' Or even: 'How secure are my investments?'

"Hong Kong has some good, safe names but people often feel forced to turn to one-man bands and companies sponsored by dodgy foreign insurers."

Many people who have retired to Spain with limited funds are now trapped by its soaring inflation and the devalued pound and are especially susceptible to cowboys. The SIB said: "If you are offered a rate of return that's a lot higher than you can get from a similar UK-based product, ask why. It is all very well getting a good rate of return, but pointless if you can't get your capital back at the end."

Some British tax havens, notably the Isle of Man, Bermuda, Gibraltar and the Channel Islands, have cleaned up their acts after well publicised scandals. However, one commentator said: "They have to be careful not to make the regulations too stringent, or the companies that operate there will move elsewhere." British banks and building societies with offshore branches are a safe option. Building societies are particularly safe because parents have to fully compensate all customers of their offshore companies if they fold. There is no ceiling, as there is if an onshore society goes under.

Expensive underlying costs of many offshore contracts, coupled with security problems, mean that the risks are often too great to justify the rewards for all but the super-rich. Mr Major believes that, with a top rate of 40 per cent, Britain is much closer to a tax haven than it once was. A talk with UK advisers before leaving the country, or when back on leave, was normally the most sensible approach, he said.

Investors should at least check the total costs of any contract on offer and be wary of attempts to evade queries about commissions or company registration. "Be suspicious and don't be blinded by tax considerations," Mr Major said.

Opinions differ about the merits of offshore investments for UK residents. Mr Major said they were rarely worth the bother. SIB is more positive, so long as companies' credentials are checked before taking the plunge.

Heather Nuttall of Dolmore Financial Planning, an independent financial adviser in Chepstow dealing with UK companies such as Clerical Medical and Prolific with offshore subsidiaries, said there could be good reasons for UK-based clients to invest offshore, especially if they can use up spouses' or children's tax allowances.

John Baker, of EBS group in Glasgow, agrees. He cites the case of someone who has just returned to the UK and is earning a lot less, who may wish to delay paying tax on previous earnings. Alternatively, a relative saving for a child's school fees may now wish to move dwindling building society savings offshore, again using the child's tax allowance.

Compensation concerns offshore

BY SARA MCCONNELL



Clowes: Gibraltar collapse

INVESTORS tempted to place their money offshore because of promises of higher returns and lower taxes may find they are less well protected than they would be in Britain.

Some offshore centres, such as Gibraltar, have no compensation schemes for either bank depositors or investors in funds. Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man all operate some form of compensation scheme for some investors, mainly in shares, but, as with Britain's scheme, none will pay out to those who have lost money with unauthorised companies. Compensation schemes pay out if firms or banks go under and are unable to pay back money owed to clients.

South Africa, where Ian Lloyd-Wright had offices, has, according to one Johannesburg stockbroker, a "pretty loose" regime.

There is no nationwide compensation scheme to pay out if investment companies fold. The best way to ensure protection is to invest through stockbrokers who are members of the Johannesburg stock exchange. Member brokers contribute to a guarantee fund that will pay out if one of their number runs off with a client's money or commits fraud.

Firms that handle clients' money have to be licensed by the Registrar of Financial Institutions.

South African banks and building societies are backed by government guarantees.

Gibraltar has tightened its investor protection regime in the past two years, after the bad publicity surrounding Peter Clowes' Gibraltar operation. The Financial Services Commission now vets all operations setting up on the Rock. There is no compensation scheme for either investors or bank depositors although it is likely to have to introduce a deposit protection scheme as a result of the European Commission's deposit protection directive.

Jersey and Guernsey also vet those they let in rather than relying on compensation. Bank depositors on Jersey and Guernsey are not covered by a scheme. The Isle of Man, however, has a compensation scheme for bank depositors, paying out a maximum of £15,000.

The 1982 collapse of the Savings and Investment Bank, based on the Isle of Man, was a contributory factor to the setting up of the scheme.

All three islands are designated territories under the Financial Services Act and have investors' compensation schemes in place. None of them has had to call on its scheme but Jim Noakes, chief executive of the Isle of Man's Financial Supervision Committee said this was partly because the schemes only covered potential losses from collective investments like unit trusts, not schemes run by investment advisers. By contrast, the Investors' Compensation Scheme, set up under the Financial Services Act in Britain, which does cover defaults by investment advisers, has paid £36.2 million to more than 4,400 investors since it started in 1988.

In the US, the Securities and Exchange Commission has wide powers to take legal action against investment firms and, in some cases, to ask for the courts to order that investors be compensated.

Clients of broking firms that go under may be able to get compensation from the Securities Industry Protection Corporation, a privately run company that insures investors' accounts at brokerage firms. Deposits at banks and savings and loans (the equivalent of building societies) could receive up to $100,000 from federal deposit protection schemes.

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Calculating risks of Pep trusts

By Margaret Dibben

A HANDFUL of privatisation shares is one of the riskiest investments most people have. Yet investors fail to appreciate the level of risk they take with their savings, whether through a building society or direct share ownership.

There is nothing wrong with risk: it can be good, provided investors realise that high risks can bring high returns, catastrophic losses, or only a mediocre performance.

Philip Middleton, investment trust analyst with Smith New Court, the stockbroker, has just completed a risk rating of the eight investment trusts that can be held in personal equity plans with Fleming Investment Management. He has divided them into four categories from 'slightly below average risk' to 'above average risk'. He said: "It is desperately important for people to know what risks they are taking. If you hold a few privatisation stocks, you are taking an above average risk because of the narrow holding. People forget about risks in strong markets and then wish they hadn't."

Fleming asked Smith New Court, as independent outsiders, to risk-rate their pep investment trusts. Foreign & Colonial and Kleinwort Benson have already conducted similar exercises for all their funds, with NatWest Securities, the stockbroker. The results show how risky even blue-chip companies can be, compared with pooled investments.

Mr Middleton said: "On our rating, almost all constituents of the Footsie [FT-SE index] and the All-Share are above average risk because individual stocks are far more risky than the index itself. Holding one or two shares is incredibly risky."

Investing in equities through a unit trust or investment trust fund diluted the risk, he said. "Almost all the Fleming trusts I have rated are much less risky than the constituents of the Footsie, even Fleming Income and Capital, which I consider quite risky."

NatWest Securities has divided the nine Kleinwort Benson investment trusts into six categories. Ben Siddons, managing director of Kleinwort Benson Investment Trusts, said: "There is a lot of confusion in investors' minds about the risk they are taking and risk ratings help investors decide which trust meets their particular risk profile."

With Foreign & Colonial, the eight funds are split into three categories: lower, medium and high volatility. Robin Angus and Hamish Buchan, the investment trust specialists at NatWest Securities, were responsible for both Kleinwort and Foreign & Colonial's ratings.

Mr Angus explained the benefits to investors: "Risk-ratings do not tell you whether an investment trust is good, bad or indifferent. They just try to tell you something about its characteristics and different characteristics will suit different people. A low-risk investment trust might be quite an unsuitable investment for somebody because of their tax position, for example." But what should investors regard as an average risk? Mr Angus said: "Median risk is not comparable with a building society or a bank. Your yardstick is investment in equities and therefore you measure trusts as being higher or lower than the stock market average." Mr Middleton does the same. "Given that we are talking about equity investments, the obvious benchmark is the FT All-Share index, even for overseas funds."

> 'There is a lot of confusion in investors' minds about the risk they are taking'

For UK investors, Mr Angus said: "You always begin from the point of view of a sterling investor with sterling liabilities, such as a mortgage and other outgoings. As soon as you put money into a foreign currency you are taking a risk."

So, which is riskier: a wholly UK investment trust or a widely diversified trust where investors have the added risk of being overseas but the reduced risk of diversification?

Mr Angus balances the relative merits of a range of information, such as the company's discount, area of specialisation, portfolio liquidity and the level of yield.

He said: "Fundamentally, it is a science but with a little bit of art added on. It is a descriptive rather than passing value judgment. It's not like saying that Robin Angus is handsome and Hamish Buchan is ugly. It's saying that Robin Angus is bald and Hamish Buchan has lots of hair."

Claverhouse, the Fleming flagship investment trust, invests in blue-chip UK companies and has a good long-term record, yet it is rated as a "slightly above average risk". This is because it is about 17 per cent geared, meaning it has quite a lot of borrowings and debts that always have to be repaid before investors get any money.

Fleming's Continental European investment trust is rated "slightly below average risk" because it has a diversified international portfolio and little, if any, gearing. Mr Middleton said: "There might be a currency risk but I came to the conclusion that, overall, the risk you are taking is not a particularly high one."

☐ Fleming has cut the dealing charge on its Pep from 1.75 per cent to 1 per cent this week. The initial charge is 1.5 per cent plus value-added tax and the annual charge is a flat rate £25 plus VAT for each trust in the Pep. The annual charge equates to 0.4 per cent for investors with £6,000 in a Pep but has an advantage over a percentage fee because it does not become more expensive as the fund grows in value.



Risk-raters: Robin Angus, left, and Hamish Buchan explain investments' characteristics

Buying gilts made easier for the small investor

By Lina Saigol

A NEW simple application form for investors buying gilts was published this week by the Bank of England, aimed at the small private investor looking for competitive rates of return.

With lower interest rates and lower inflation, an increasing number of private investors may be thinking of withdrawing their money from bank and building society accounts and putting it into gilts, which can offer competitive fixed rates of return. But completing applications for bids can be a complicated and daunting process, with the result that many potential investors might be put off by the method of application. The new forms issued by the Bank are presented in a reduced form to make the process more user-friendly.

Ian Penderleith, a director of the Bank, said: "The reduced form will be useful for the private investor who doesn't want to worry about the competitive bid process." The forms invite applications for the gilt-edged auction to be held on April 28 for the issue of £3 billion of 7 1/4 Treasury Stock 1998.

The new tranche will be issued partly-paid. Investors must send £53 per £100 of stock applied for and will have to pay a further £50 per £100 nominal of stock on May 20, 1993. The prospectus details how investors can bid at the prevailing average price. Although this means investors will pay above par, if the price is less than £103 per £100 nominal of stock, the balance of the excess paid on application will be refunded. Interest is payable half-yearly on 30 March and 30 September.



Penderleith: 60,000 requests

The move to widen the gilt-security market follows the publication last month of the Bank of England's booklet, *Investing in Gilts: A Guide for Small Investors*, which is designed to explain the basic elements of holding, buying and selling gilts.

"The function of the Bank is not to persuade people to buy gilts, but to provide adequate information and facilities for those interested in the securities market," Mr Penderleith said. Since the launch of the book, the Bank has received 60,000 requests for copies. Mr Penderleith said this suggested the public has a "considerable thirst for knowledge of gilts." After worse than expected public sector borrowing requirement figures this week, there is a need to interest more people in gilts and National Savings products to fund the deficit.

Mr Penderleith did however warn investors of the risks attached to gilts. "Although gilts are marketable instruments, prices may change quite sharply from day to day, and it is important to remember that investors may not be able to sell their gilts for the same price as they paid for them."

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Cash benefit: spending money usually has to be ordered

Holiday money options best checked in advance

Service changes mean bank and building society customers should plan ahead, says **Lindsay Cook**

ANYONE making holiday plans needs to think about holiday money earlier than previously this year as building societies reduce their travellers' cheques and currency services. They should also allow time for ordinary cheques to be cleared.

Signs in Abbey National branches warn customers that they must give a minimum of five working days' notice when ordering travellers' cheques and foreign currency. Until January, the building society turned bank used to offer sterling and US dollar travellers' cheques with 24 hours' notice. Now all orders take a full working week. The bank also has no buy-back service for customers who bring back surplus currency from holiday.

It is currently reviewing the service, which offers travellers' cheques in nine different currencies, and may change it again in the coming months. Its customers with cash cards can use Visa machines throughout the world to withdraw cash using the Personal Identification Number (PIN) they use in UK cash dispensers. The cost is 1.5 per cent, with a minimum of £1.50. Abbey charges 1 per cent with a minimum of £1.25 for each currency, plus a handling fee of £1.50. Customers must have an instant-access account to order currency.

Nationwide pulled out of offering travel money and cheques two years ago. At first it offered customers a voucher offering a reduction on Thomas Cook currency and cheques but that has been phased out.

The Halifax Building Society asks for one week's notice for ordering travellers' cheques, available in ten currencies, and for foreign notes. Customers cannot use their Cardcash or Maxim cards abroad but their Halifax Visa cards can be used anywhere displaying the Visa sign.

The Woolwich requires five working days' notice currently but in the summer it plans to offer a next-day service. Then the handling fee will rise from £1.50 to £2. In addition there is a fee of 1.5 per cent subject to a minimum of £3 per transaction. Its cash cards cannot be used abroad.

The Alliance & Leicester has travellers' cheques and currency ready for customers in three days. It charges £3 plus 1 per cent commission on sterling cheques and 1.5 per cent on foreign currency and cheques. Girobank, which is owned by the society, has a £3.50 handling fee and the same percentage charges. It expects to despatch orders within 24 hours. Alliance & Leicester cash cards cannot be used abroad but Girobank Link cards can be used in Spain, Portugal and North America and Visa cards can be used in Visa machines worldwide.

The Leeds requires five working days to provide any one of 60 different currencies and nine types of travellers' cheques. It charges 1 per cent on cheques and notes with a minimum of £1.25 per currency ordered. An additional handling charge of £1.50 per order is made to cover postage costs. The Leeds Visa card can be used abroad.

Barclays Bank has the more popular currencies and US dollar and sterling travellers' cheques available in most branches over the counter. Others can be ordered: five working days for currencies and three for cheques.

Lloyds Bank says most normal currencies are readily available at branches but it helps to give notice for large quantities. Midland requires a minimum three working days' notice for foreign currencies and for all but sterling and US dollar cheques.

National Westminster Bank prefers seven days' notice for currencies and travellers' cheques but can often supply orders in three days.

Life policy surrender a year early can be costly

BY SARA MCCONNELL

SURRENDERING a life policy the year before it matures could mean losing up to half the final payout, a survey published this week shows.

The third annual survey of with-profits life and pensions policies, carried out by Clay & Partners, the actuaries, and *Money Marketing*, the specialist magazine, reveals that holders of 25-year endowments from Royal Life surrendering their policy after 24 years would only get 50 per cent of what they would get if they waited until the policy matured. Holders of 25-year endowments from Pearl would only get back 66 per cent of the final payout if they surrender one year before maturity.

At the other end of the scale, a Norwich Union policyholder would lose just 8 per cent of his or her final payout by surrendering in the 24th year. The company would pay 92 per cent of the final payout. Those surrendering 10-year policies the year before they are due to mature are also heavily penalised by some companies, the survey says.

Pearl, AXA Equity & Law, Royal London, National Mutual and London Life will all pay out less than 80 per cent of the final payout to a policyholder surrending after nine years. Worst hit would be London Life policyholders, who would receive only 63 per cent of what they would get if they waited another year. The most generous surrender values after nine years of a 10-year policy come from Equitable Life, which will pay 85 per cent, and Sun Life, which will pay 84 per cent.

If proposals from Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director general of fair trading, are accepted, companies would have to explain how they calculate surrender values throughout the period of a policy, rather than just in the early years. Surrender values tend to be at their lowest in the early years because of the impact of set-up charges, including brokers' commission. There is often, although not always, a direct link between those offices that have the lowest surrender values and those with the highest expense ratios, said John Jenkins, actuary at Clay & Partners.

According to the survey, the cost to London Life of attracting new business, including paying commission to brokers, was more than double the amount of money in new annual premiums in 1991. This gives it an expense ratio of 209 per cent. Put another way, investors making regular contributions to a life assurance or pension policy would be charged the equivalent of the whole of the first two years' contributions in set-up charges and commissions. This is spread over the term of the policy, but investors surrendering early will find their payout reduced significantly.

Other companies with higher expenses ratios include Royal Life at 174 per cent. Royal also offers poor early surrender values. At the other end of the scale, Equitable Life, which is consistently in the top five for offering generous surrender values, also has by far the lowest expense ratio, at 26 per cent. Total new premiums were nearly four times the expenses incurred in attracting new business.

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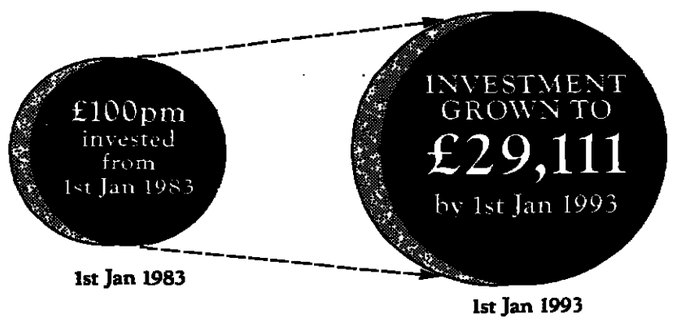
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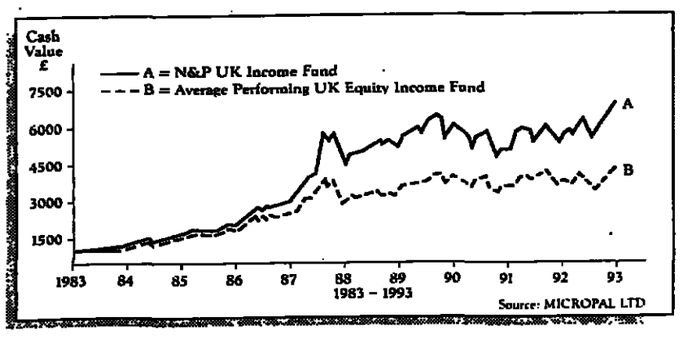
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Nationwide links cashpoint service to new post account

Sara McConnell reports on a timely move by a society to marry the two



THE Nationwide, the second largest building society, is to launch a postal savings account this week. It joins a growing number of societies offering savings accounts operated by post but claims to be the first major building society to offer a cashpoint card linked to a postal account.

Postal accounts normally offer better rates than traditional accounts because building societies can save on branch overheads. Deposits and withdrawals are made by cheque. Savers can get instant access to their funds without giving notice or paying a penalty, but have to allow a couple of days for cheques to be sent through the post.

The InvestDirect account will be the first postal savings account from the Nationwide. CapitalBond Direct, a two-year bond operated by post, closed in March, but was aimed mainly at larger savers, as the minimum investment was £10,000 and no withdrawals were allowed during the two-year period.

Savers opening an InvestDirect account with the minimum payment of £2,000 will earn 5 per cent gross, 3.75 per cent net. The same amount in the society's Cashbuilder instant access account would earn 3.5 per cent gross, 2.62 per cent net. Those with £100,000 or more in InvestDirect would earn 6.7 per cent gross, 5.03 per cent net. In Cashbuilder, they would receive 5.6 per cent gross, 4.2 per cent net on this balance. InvestDirect, which is an instant access account, is also paying a better rate than the society's CapitalBuilder 90-day notice account.

Existing CapitalBuilder account holders will be allowed to transfer funds to the new account without giving notice or losing interest. The Nationwide was heavily criticised by savers two years ago when it originally refused to allow existing investors in 90-day notice accounts to transfer immediately to another offering a better rate without paying a penalty.

Savers can withdraw funds from the InvestDirect account either by post using first-class freepost envelopes or through a Link cashpoint machine. The minimum cheque withdrawal is £250 and the maximum cashpoint withdrawal £250 a day.

A survey conducted for the Nationwide by NOP showed that one in three of the savers who said they were not interested in opening a postal account said it was because they could not get at their funds in an emergency. Traditionally, postal account holders have to rely on a speedy first-class post to get at their money quickly.

Unlike other Nationwide savers, InvestDirect account holders will be charged for withdrawing money from a cashpoint machine. Using one of Nationwide's 370 Cashlink machines to withdraw money will cost 50p a time. Using any other cashpoint machine in the Link network will cost £1 for each withdrawal. Savers will not be charged for depositing money or checking balances through a cashpoint.

Abbeylink card penalty

ABBEY National savings account customers are being told this week that they will be charged 60 pence for each withdrawal made with an Abbeylink card from a non Abbey National cash machine from June 7 (Sara McConnell writes).

Letters are being sent to all holders of instant access savings accounts who have used their Abbeylink card in another building society or bank's cashpoint machine in the last 12 months. A message will also flash up on Abbeylink cashpoint screens when customers withdraw funds. The proposed charges will not apply to current account or high interest cheque account customers. Abbey National has 946 cash machines in the Link network of cashpoints. There are approximately 6,000 machines in the network, of which most major building societies and the Abbey National are members.

The Abbey National said every withdrawal by an Abbey customer at a non-Abbey cashpoint costs it 43p, but added that it was also charged by the operator of the other machine for balance enquiries and rejected withdrawals. Customers will not have to pay 60p for every balance enquiry or rejected withdrawal.

The Halifax has charged holders of its Cardcash and Maxim current accounts for using non Halifax Link machines since 1989, when it first joined Link. The society is the largest member of the network, with 1,600 machines. Each withdrawal from a non Halifax machine costs customers 60 pence. The society said: "The reason is to make sure people use a Halifax machine."

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More salary from profit-linked plans

BY NICOLA COLE AND SARA MCCONNELL

THOUSANDS of companies are making it easier for staff to beat pay restraints and improve personal earnings. The most tangible sign of this new reward process is profit-related pay (PRP) schemes.

These link a part of employees' pay to changes in the profits of the business they work for, giving them a direct interest in the profitability of the business. More than 1 million employees now participate, Norman Lamont, Chancellor, said this week.

In the first three months of this year, the number of employees covered rose almost 20 per cent, while the number of schemes operating rose 11 per cent to more than 4,500. However, the Chancellor admitted that the initial response to PRP schemes after their introduction in 1988 had been disappointing.

In 1991, Mr Lamont doubled tax relief available on these schemes. PRP paid to employees under a registered scheme is tax free up to a limit of 20 per cent of pay, or £4,000, whichever is lower.

This week, the government published a booklet describing the different types of PRP and employee-share schemes to encourage more employers to set them up.

David Hackwood, senior tax partner at the Bristol office of Ernst & Young, accountants, said: "PRP provides enormous benefits for companies and staff alike. Nationally, the practice has helped set up over 500 of the 4,000 schemes operating in the UK. They allow companies to reduce, or even avoid, the cost of any pay rise while enabling salaries to be increased by more than twice the rate of inflation."

A conventional pay rise of 7.6 per cent for someone on a £15,000 salary means a total payroll cost for the employer of £17,819. Under a PRP scheme, a nearly identical salary can be paid at a payroll cost of only £16,560 — a saving for the employer of £1,259. The employee simultaneously reduces his or her income tax liability by more than £1,000 because of the tax breaks.

The schemes, which must be productivity and profit-related and registered with the Inland Revenue, embrace all types of employers from the smallest to the largest. Manufacturing and industrial companies are notable among those implementing PRP, many having converted existing productivity arrangements. Mr Hackwood believes the schemes' popularity will establish them as Britain's "main profit-related award system".

He agrees, nevertheless, that there could be resistance from employees who feel more secure with a steady wage or salary rather than "the salary-sacrifice route" entailed in PRP; falling or failing profits means reduced income and no automatic pay rises.

Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, agreed that employers keen to introduce PRP should remember that "sales can go down as well as up. Moderation is important. PRP does not solve all problems."

The government this week also drew attention to employee share schemes, which allow employees to receive cheap shares from their employer without paying income tax. Save As You Earn share-option schemes and profit-sharing schemes have to be offered to all employees to gain Inland Revenue approval.

Under a SAYE share-option scheme, employees are offered an option to buy shares at a fixed price in five or seven years, with savings invested monthly with a bank or building society over this period. At the end of five or seven years, the lump sum can be used to buy shares at a fixed price or paid back to the employee. The investment earns tax-free bonuses or interest and there is no tax to pay on the benefit employees get from buying shares at a favourable price.

Companies operating profit-sharing schemes set up a trust and give it money from profits. The trust then allocates shares to employees, who do not pay for the shares but agree to leave them with the trust for two years.

If they do not sell their shares for a further three years, they do not have to pay income tax on the initial value of the shares or on any gain up to the fifth anniversary of the date on which the shares were allocated. By the end of 1992, an estimated 2.9 million employees had benefited from these two schemes. Participation is also the key to the spread of staff suggestion schemes, or employee-involvement programmes as their organisers prefer to call them. These, too, are a further expression of the shift towards encouraging self-reliance and rewarding effort or creativity within teams.

About 500 private and public sector organisations from Abbey National and Amersham International to Ulster Bank and Yorkshire Water run bright-ideas schemes. Collectively, they received 93,615 suggestions in 1991, 27,305 more than during the previous year, and adopted 13,683 of them.

The average award per idea taken up was £129. The first £5,000 of an award is tax-free. On the data available, the resultant savings ranged from less than £10 to more than £270 for each eligible employee. Total corporate savings amounting to more than £52 million were achieved by the 41 organisations responding to a survey by the UK Association of Suggestion Schemes.



Enormous benefits: David Hackwood, of Ernst & Young

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The Nationwide building society is now offering its first-time buyer, two-year fixed rate mortgage to all borrowers. The rate is 5.75 per cent in the first year and 6.75 per cent in the second (an annual percentage rate of 8.2 per cent). Borrowers will need a 10 per cent deposit to qualify (15 per cent for remortgages) and will have to take out mortgage payment protection cover with the society. There is a £195 arrangement fee and a six months' gross interest penalty if the mortgage is redeemed in the first year. The penalty is four months' interest if the loan is redeemed in year two.

☐ The Bradford & Bingley has a three-year fixed rate mortgage at 7.69 per cent (APR 8.3 per cent) until June 30 1996. Borrowers have to take a minimum of two of the society's mortgage related insurance products. There is a booking fee of £295 on loans up to £100,000. For more, the fee is 0.3 per cent.

☐ Taxpayers are being offered help in filling in their new style tax returns. Levy Gee, the chartered accountant, is offering to complete the form, check Revenue assessments and tax codings and deal with tax correspondence as part of its TaxPro service. The cost is £199 a year including VAT.

☐ A guaranteed income bond from Swiss Life will pay 6.3 per cent, net of basic rate tax guaranteed for the next five years. The minimum investment is £5,000 and the maximum is £100,000.

Check on equity bond sales

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

INVESTORS who have been sold guaranteed-equity bonds from a life-assurance company may get a letter in the next few weeks asking if they have understood the tax implications of the bond they have bought. Those who did not may qualify for compensation.

Many investors have been tempted by guaranteed-equity bonds because they appeared to combine opportunities for growth through the stock-market with a guaranteed return. These bonds are usually single-premium five-year investments which guarantee a return based on a percentage of the rise in the FT-SE 100 index over the investment period. They also guarantee a return of capital if the FT-SE falls.

The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro), which regulates life offices' marketing activities, has now asked all companies selling these bonds to submit their marketing material for scrutiny by the end of this week. It is concerned that a number of life companies have advertised offering returns based on the rise in the FT-SE before tax. However, as the funds from life companies themselves are taxable, such a return would never be realisable. Lautro is also concerned that the amount of the investment that actually tracks the index should be made explicit.

Kit Jebens, Lautro chief executive, said: "We are talking to one or two product providers. If there are concerns we will ask them to take appropriate action."

In some cases, this will mean life offices writing to investors with new clearer marketing literature, Mr Jebens said. Investors who would not have put money into the bonds if the true tax position had been explained to them may get their money back.

Laurentian Financial Group is currently discussing with Lautro the marketing of its Capital Protected Bond, which was offered to investors in November and December last year. There are about 100 investors in the bond with investments totalling £2 million. The five-year bond offered a net return of 86 per cent of FT-SE 100 but marketing literature gave a gross return of 115 per cent.

The company said it was considering writing to investors. "We are discussing the matter with Lautro, to decide what action, if any, needs to be taken."

The Building Societies Commission has issued guidelines to building societies selling the bonds but says it is not aware of any mis-selling.

The commission says that whether the returns are capital or income should be made clear in advertisements, as the investor may be entitled to a tax-free exemption.

It also stresses that expressing returns as a percentage of the stock market growth or in terms of the growth of the FT-SE index could be potentially misleading as the clients in some cases are only benefiting from the capital growth in the index, while the income or dividends generated by these shares go towards the company, or society's, charges.

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LETTERS

Savings farce brings an end to my children's accounts

From Mr Peter Cowtan

Sir, May I bring to your attention another ludicrous policy recently adopted by the government.

I have three children under five years old, all of whom have National Savings Investment Accounts. I went to the Bath main post office to pay cheques of £15 into each account. I was informed that the cheques could not be accepted since the minimum payment into each account has to be £20. If I wait until my children receive additional sums to make the totals up to £20 (probably next Christmas) the original cheques will be invalid, since they will be more than six months' old. I must therefore open some other account to cash the cheques, and await additional funds to make up the shortfall.

Alternatively, I return the cheques to my children's grandparents and advise the grandparents that the government does not consider such amounts to be sufficiently generous.

The end result is that I am closing all three accounts at a loss to the Treasury of £513.50. Extrapolate this throughout the UK population and the government will have immense problems funding the Budget deficit!

Yours faithfully,
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Fair rates for savers

From Mr G. B. Miller

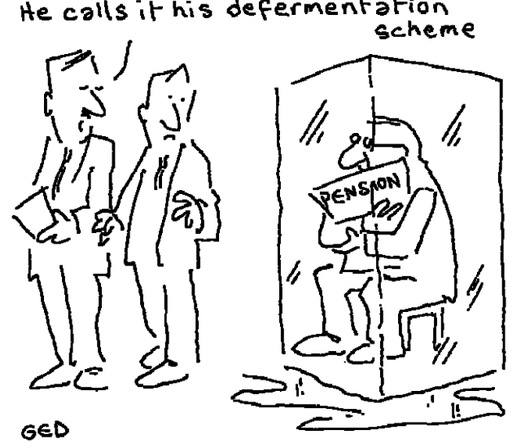
Sir, The spate of building society interest-rate reductions since the Chancellor made his last base-rate cut is a matter of concern to investors, particularly those who deposited money in 30, 60, 90 days and longer accounts.

In most cases these accounts are offered with attractive rates of interest, sufficiently interesting to entice many people to transfer their money to them. After a short period of time the building societies reduce the rates to far-lower levels and do so knowing that anybody who now wishes to withdraw from the account because of the poor interest rate would have to pay a hefty penalty interest on the withdrawal.

This is anything but equitable in relations between a lender and a borrower. In fact, it amounts to legalised robbery. If the customer has to give, say, 90 days' notice of withdrawal, should not the society equally give 90 days' notice of its intention to reduce interest, even when they have said that the rates can be varied? One accepts that reductions in base rates force the societies to reduce the rates they pay, but that does not justify them penalising their customers who have been persuaded to put their money into the account.

I would propose that equity can be restored and building societies demonstrate their honest intent by agreeing that investors may withdraw their money without penalty within 14 days of the interest-rate reduction being advertised in the newspapers and displayed in their branches. It would be interesting to hear from the building societies what objections they would have to this quite reasonable proposal.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. MILLER,
68 Adisham Green,
Sittingbourne,
Kent.



Thawing out benefits of frozen pensions

From Mr Mitchell Philpott

Sir, Professor Forrester's letter (April 10) regarding pension scheme surplus distribution again raises an issue attracting frequent comment and airs the opinion that such surpluses should be used to the benefit of the "dispossessed".

In fact, effective from August 1990, the Social Security Act 1990 requires that pension-scheme surpluses be used to the benefit of scheme members before surplus scheme funds may either be repaid to the company or before they may be used to fund a contribution holiday.

The benefit of this for the member includes the revaluation of pensions both in payment and in deferment (ie "frozen" pensions) in line with the retail-price index, capped at 5 per cent per annum.

Furthermore, once the questions currently being considered by the European Court regarding the equalisation of pension ages for men and women have been answered, the Act will appoint a date from which the remaining surpluses within pension schemes will have to be used to revalue "frozen" benefits.

As a consequence, many people will find that they will receive an unexpected windfall, so improving pensions hitherto regarded as representing poor value. This final point is particularly pertinent to those holding a "frozen" pension as it is sad to acknowledge that thousands will have transferred from company pension schemes to personal arrangements, so potentially losing out.

Undeniably we have a case where procrastination can pay. At a time when over £1 billion annually is transferred from company pension schemes, people should avoid being hurried into transferring by an adviser eager for his commission.

Yours faithfully,
MITCHELL PHILPOTT,
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Norex Court,
195 Marsh Wall,
E14.

Putting the case for independent advisers' earnings

From Mr K. P. Mitchell

Sir, I was sorry to see the once-objective Times continuing its serial attacks on independent financial advisors in your Comment column (April 17), where I learn that as an "overpriced intermediary", I wield "excessive influence". This follows an article last month in which I get "far richer" and put "much money in my bank account" at the expense of the public.

I trust you will allow me to put the "overpricing" into context. I spent three years as chief accountant for a major toymaker, whose best-selling product retailed in high-street majors for £18, excluding VAT. They bought the toy from us for £8.70, and it cost us £3.70 to make and distribute. I then spent five years as vice-president, finance in a computer company. Our cheapest system sold for $580,000, having cost us $160,000 to make and distribute. Sales and management bonuses were 9 per cent of total revenue.

In neither company, both in fiercely competitive markets, were our margins considered excessive for the industry, nor those of our intermediary customers. Customers were happy to pay the prices — indeed we couldn't make enough of the toys — yet the largest part of the retail price went to the intermediary. I have no reason to suppose that other industries are much different, yet IFAs are probably unique in being expected to provide after-sales service and advice at little or no cost throughout the life of a contract, not to mention free help to the many callers who see us as a surrogate Citizens Advice Bureau.

I have great difficulty in recognising the average adviser from *Times* articles, and would ask you to review your stance. We can only survive and grow by offering quality service and value for money, just like any other industry, so it is far from clear why your view of us is so one-sided.

Yours faithfully,
K. P. MITCHELL,
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Swindon,
Wiltshire.

Home contents cover

From Mr E. J. Hart

Sir, There is a simple and straightforward solution to the inordinate increase in premiums for home contents cover intimated by the Abbey National (April 10). It is for that organisation and others too, to accept a scale of commission paid to professional intermediaries. Unrealistic rates of commission demanded by building societies have exacerbated the underwriting losses of insurers and it is time the insuring public were made aware of this.

What does not appear generally known is that everyone has freedom of choice of insurer and none need feel intimidated by lending houses, however large.

Yours faithfully,
E. J. HART,
Camis Eskan Coachhouse,
Helensburgh,
Dunbartonshire.

Insurers' link creates bonus

SCOTTISH Equitable's with-profits policyholders will receive a one-off bonus and stand to receive higher bonuses over the next few years after this week's announcement that Aegon, the Dutch insurer, is to inject £200 million into Scottish Equitable's with-profits fund as part of a joint venture (Sara McConnell writes).

Aegon is making the payment in return for a 40 per cent stake in Scottish Equitable's unit-linked business. Previously, with-profits policyholders received 100 per cent of the unit-linked business profits. The with-profits fund will be "ring fenced" and will continue to distribute 100 per cent of its surplus to with-profits policyholders.

Mike Wadsworth, a partner in R Watson, the firm of actuaries advising Aegon in the transaction, said that policyholders were more likely to gain from the £200 million injection into their fund than they had been by technically benefiting from 100 per cent of the unit-linked profits.

In practice, these profits had been used to finance growth rather than pay more in bonuses. Mr Wadsworth said: "They weren't distributed. On the basis that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, there was less certainty with the benefits under the old arrangement."

Any decision on using some of the £200 million to finance higher bonuses would be Scottish Equitable's. The amount of special bonus to be paid when the deal goes through is not known but it likely to be less than a full year's with-profit distribution of £90 million.

Under this week's proposals, Scottish Equitable Plc, a new company, will be set up with a further injection of £40 million from Aegon. The existing business operations and staff will be transferred to the new company. Decisions on directors and strategy changes will have to be approved by a special voting trust set up to protect policyholders' interests.

Unlike the deal agreed when Abbey National took over Scottish Mutual in 1991, shareholders in Scottish Equitable Plc will not have any interest in the with-profits fund.

An application is being made to the Court of Session in Edinburgh and policyholders will be sent full details next month. The deal is subject to policyholders' approval but the companies hope the proposals will be implemented by the end of 1993.

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"	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
Lloyds	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.51	3.51	2.81	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
Midland	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
" " "	3.94	3.94	3.15	10,000-100,000	1 mth	071-725 1000
NatWest	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
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Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-250,000	3 mth	0253 66151
5th Index Lnkd†‡	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond	4.75	4.75	3.80	250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	5.10	5.10	4.34	20,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass	5.90	5.90	5.01	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Financial Ass	6.40	6.40	5.44	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	6.65	6.65	5.65	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Financial Ass	6.95	6.95	5.91	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (March 92-93)	+1.9%	Spanish Pesetas:	174.00
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	8.08
Personal Loan	22%	Greek Drachma:	324.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2317.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Allied Trust	8.10	£3,243.00	£25+2mths notice	£9,000	071 2839111
Dunfermline	8.00	£3,240.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	8.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7943331
Nat Counties	7.90	£3,237.00	90 Days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Tipton & Cshy	7.85	£3,235.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572651

† 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less * Additional holdings up to £30,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates ‡Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums ¹ Guaranteed over the rate of inflation

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Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
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Yorkshire 0274 740740	4.49	to £250K	95	After 2.5% discount for 6 months
Britannia 0538 399399	5.49	to £100K	90	Fixed to 31.3.94
BANKS				
Royal Bank of Scot. 031 556 8555	6.50	£50K+	95	After 2% discount for 1st year
BANKS				
T.S.B. 021 600 6140	5.75	£20-100K	95	Fixed to 31.5.94

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
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7	Pilkington	Industrial	
8	Savoy Hotel 'A'	Hotels,Cat	
9	Dalgety	Foods	
10	Anglia TV	Leisure	
11	Austin Reed	Drapery,Strs	
12	Filofax	Paper,Print	
13	Mowlem (J)	Building,Rds	
14	Tunstall	Electrical	
15	Provident	Banks,Disc	
16	Nobo Gp	Industrial	
17	Misys	Electrical	
18	Union Disc	Banks,Disc	
19	Feedback	Electrical	
20	Lon Forfaitng	Finance, Land	
21	Driefontein	Mining	
22	Amec	Building,Rds	
23	Wilson (C)	Building,Rds	
24	MFI	Drapery,Strs	
25	Tay Homes	Building,Rds	
26	Harties	Mining	
27	Hadleigh Inds	Industrial	
28	Gr Portland	Property	
29	Radamec	Electrical	
30	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Strs	
31	Scholl	Industrial	
32	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print	
33	Ferraris Group	Industrial	
34	Jarvis	Building,Rds	
35	Dom & Gen	Insurance	
36	Oliver (G)	Drapery,Strs	
37	Davnprt Vern	Motors,Air	
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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 19. Dealings end May 7. §Contango day May 10. Settlement day May 17. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Ntl	395	-3	11.5	3.6	15.2
255	179	Allied Irish	245	-3	...	6.1	14.5
176	130	Ans New Z	159	-4	...	6.1	...
3806½	2831½	Bankamerica	3118½	-75	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	234	-4	...	5.1	37.5
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	136	+1	4.3	4.0	21.4
464	362	Barclays	440	+7	15.1	4.3	-
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
495	395	Cater Allen	485	...	26.0	6.7	...
116	85	Cattles	115	...	...	4.6	15.3
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2075 †	-53½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1800 †	-12½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	325	...	...	3.7	14.5
£129½	9275	Commerzbk	£123½	...	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£282	-300	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	62	+2	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1171	...	...	0.4	63.1
453	345	Gerrard Nat	451	+3	21.0	5.8	...
664	490	HSBC	617½	-14½	19.0	3.8	-
634	474	HSBC HK	597½	-15½	19.0	4.0	-
356	243	Hambros	342	+2	12.8	5.0	15.2
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
126	96	King Shaxson	126	+1	5.0	5.0	...
395	312	Kleinwort Ben	394	+5	16.0	5.1	13.7
573	492	Lloyds	531	-10	18.4	4.3	15.2
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
453	322	Nat Aust Bk	413	-6	...	5.3	13.4
485	398	Nat West	468	-4½	17.5	4.7	28.4
857	674	Provident	857	+7	28.5	4.2	14.8
47	39	Rea Bros	41	-1	0.5	1.5	43.6
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	268	-2	8.8	4.1	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1850	+25	22.0	1.5	18.4
754	570	Stand Chart	751	+1	...	3.3	...
193	145½	TSB	192½	+½	6.4	4.2	...
125	78	Union Disc	123	+4	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	671	+2	18.0	3.4	19.9
227	165	-do- 6% 'A'	225	+1	...	3.3	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7343½	-15½	...	1.4	...
163	121	Westpac	156	-½	...	5.2	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	580	+5	20.0	4.3	13.5
647	533	Bass	548	-6	18.9	4.3	11.9
258	189	Boddington	255	+5	7.3	3.6	14.9
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	405	...	9.0	2.8	18.6
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	140	+1	4.4	4.0	10.2
307	261	Devenish (JA)	303	-1	7.8	3.2	17.1
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	90	...	...	4.5	23.9
68½	54½	Fosters Brewing	55½	...	...	5.2	7.2
370	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	370	+15	...	2.3	15.5
480	411	Grand Met	425	-4	12.3	3.6	14.0
423	388	Greenalls Grp	417	+7	11.7	3.5	13.8
563	505	Greene King	555	...	11.6	2.6	14.4
516	440	Guinness	477 †	-8	...	3.1	17.0
281	230	Hardy Hansn	239	+1	7.9	4.1	13.3
113	108	Heavitree	108	...	3.0	3.5	25.9
78	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	3.0	4.9	18.7
288	255	Highland Distl	285 †	+2	6.0	2.6	18.9
3125	2538	Holt J	3000	+12	41.0	1.7	-
55	33	Hoskins Brew	54	...	...	...	38.9
323	250	Invergordon Dist	272	+3	7.0	3.2	-
186	157	Macallan-Glen	157 †	...	0.9	0.7	35.3
465	375	Macdn Martin 'A'	375	...	8.8	2.9	11.8
739	655	Mansfield	739	+1	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Marston Thmp	241	+1	4.9	2.5	14.3
435	412	Matthew Clark	422	...	15.7	4.7	12.7
300	255	Mrrydwn W	263	...	...	3.0	19.0
490	453	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	2.1	18.2
950	763	SA Breweries	813	+3	...	3.3	-
482½	408	Scot & New	464	-2	16.1	4.3	12.6
199	181	Taunton Cider	198	+1	...	3.0	18.5
242	213	Vaux Group	230	...	9.2	5.1	15.9
268	225	Wetherspoon JD	263	-7	...	2.3	21.2
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	471	+9	16.9	4.5	13.3
1180	850	-do- 'B'	885	...	16.9	2.4	24.9
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	564	-1	11.4	2.5	15.9
515	480	Young 'A'	490	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	17	...	...	6.6	10.8
106	87	Allen	94	+3	...	...	...
99	65	Amec	97 †	+4	3.0	3.9	-
9½	4	Anglia Sec	7½	+1½	...	...	...
188	155	Ashtead	181	...	4.1	2.9	22.4
142	108	Arnwoods	114	+1	5.0	5.6	16.2
236	180	BPB Ind	231	+2	...	4.1	58.7
87	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	+2	3.1	4.5	29.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	29	-1½	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	95	+7	1.2	1.8	15.4
146	94	Barratt Devs	145	+2	2.0	1.7	16.1
412	305	Bellway	411	+1	11.5	3.5	23.8
32	15	Bellwinch	28	...	...	...	...
422	295½	Berkeley Gp	421	+1	...	1.6	29.0
63	45	Bett Bros	58	...	...	...	2.4
46	36	Blockleys	46 †	+1	1.0	2.7	-
249	189	Blue Circle	240 †	+3	11.2	5.6	-
252	230	Boot (Henry)	252	+1	5.9	2.7	-
106	75	Breedon PLC	95 †	+1	4.6	6.1	-
105	82	Br Dredging	103 †	-1	5.2	6.3	22.0
70	45	Brit Fittings	63	...	1.5	3.0	...
149	99	Bryant	148	+7	4.8	4.1	31.7
73	53	CALA	72	+7	2.3	...	...
263	205	CRH	251	...	...	3.7	15.9
43	22	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
39	27	Costain	36	...	...	...	...
176	90	Countryside	136	-6	4.1	3.6	35.9
63	38	Crest Nicholson	61	...	0.0	...	...
75	26	Cussins	75	+7	...	...	...
3½	1	Dunmona	1½	...	...	...	...
25	14½	Edmund Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
200	178	Epwin	200	...	6.8	4.4	-
46	32	Erith	47	...	0.3	0.9	...
345	252	Eve Group	345	...	...	3.5	12.5
50	34	Evered Bardon	47 †	+1	2.0	5.3	-
6½	4½	Explaura	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	139	...	...	4.0	-
50	38	Galliford	39	...	3.3	...	15.7
75	55	Gibbs & Dandy	68	...	12.7	2.1	12.5
775	695	Gleeson (MJ)	773	+10	3.2	3.6	-
113½	90	Hewden-Stuart	113½	+1½	2.6	...	49.8
50	28	Hewetson	50	...	12.5	5.6	...
280	186	Heywd Wim	280	+8	2.5	3.9	-
85	37	Higgs & Hill	81	-1	2.5	...	10.7
35	27	How Gp	31	...	0.5	3.5	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	16	...	1.0	2.0	-
22	39	Ibstock Johnsen	62	+1	0.5	...	...
22	14½	Jarvis	21	+3	0.0	4.1	-
275	190	Laing (J)	275	+9	4.5	5.5	24.9
63	55	Ln Clydeside	66	...	...	...	10.4
22	10½	Lovell (YJ)	23	+½	9.0	3.9	16.1
305	240	Manders	295	...	4.2	3.9	30.9
136	93	Marley	136	+4	...	6.5	25.1
76	61	Marshalls	75	+1	4.9	4.4	12.9
141	122	Maunders (J)	141	+3	6.5	4.4	32.2
196	106	McAlpine (A)	186	+12	0.5	6.1	...
35	23	McCarthy & S	32½	...	...	...	...
363	284	Meyer Int	357	-3	16.5	5.8	36.7
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
111	62	Mowlem (J)	111 †	+4	4.0	4.5	...
78	63	NSM	63	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	4.0	21.4
152	106	Newman Tnks	150	-9	...	6.6	30.0
286	197	Persimmon	285	+8	8.6	3.8	29.1
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23	+1	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
104	80	Prowting	104	+11	3.4	4.1	-
6½	4½	Quiligotti	4½	...	...	...	...
674	555	RMC Gp	661 †	-8	20.0	3.8	-
117	90	Raine Ind	100½	+½	6.0	7.5	16.8
36	20	Ramus	21	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	442 †	-1	...	7.1	31.4
75	64	Roskel	67 †	...	4.3	8.0	9.9
254	207	Rugby Group	254	+2	6.4	3.2	-
42	25	Svrld-Rve	42	...	...	...	...
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	96 †	+2	4.0	5.2	-
172	110	Sheffield Insl	162	+1	5.4	4.2	26.1
96	82	Sherriff Hldgs	96	...	...	2.6	14.3
45	66	Shorco	76 †	...	...	8.6	-
228	205	Sman (J)	207	...	8.5	5.1	9.4
6½	4½	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	7.1	6.3
142	103	Tarmac	140	-1½	5.5	4.9	57.0
194	137	Tay Homes	187	+8	5.8	3.9	11.9
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	108 †	-2	1.0	1.2	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	510	+2	33.0	8.5	-
24	19	Torex Hire	24	+1	...	2.1	...
205	168	Travis Perkins	205	+2	8.0	4.9	20.0
34	30	Try Group	33 †	+1	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	28 †	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	67	+7	3.6	6.7	12.3
41	20	Ward Hldgs	40	+4	...	...	...
36	25	Warehouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	440	-1	10.7	3.1	-
14	8	Wescol	14	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	140	-3	...	4.3	...
12	4½	West Scaffold	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	461 †	+11	8.7	2.4	31.6
200	147	Wilson (C)	200	+4	3.9	2.5	-
184	107	Wimpey G	182	+10	5.2	3.6	-
42	25	YRM	40	...	4.0	...	4.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	543	-22	...	...	-
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London	74	-18	...	6.0	8.9
50	37	African Lakes	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Auto Sec	161 †	+1	5.3	4.1	-
108	84	BET Ord	96	...	...	8.5	14.1
77	41	BNB Res	77	...	4.9	8.0	-
318	258	BPP	285	...	8.0	3.5	15.7
285	250	Barbour Index	250	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Boustead	18	...	0.7	5.0	-
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	225	+15	...	2.2	18.8
14	11	Broadcastle	14	...	...	...	11.2
65	54	Brooks Service	61	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	90	+1	2.4	3.3	10.3
173	139½	Capita Group	166 †	+1	...	1.6	8.6
40	31	Casket Plc	38½	...	0.5	1.6	14.7
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50½	-½	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	50	+7	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	278	...	...	1.3	30.7
33	18	Comace	30	...	...	...	...
18½	6½	Corp Services	16	-½	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	230	...	...	4.3	-
104	85	EW Fact	97	...	4.3	5.6	11.1
19½	11	Gardiner	19½	+1½	0.6	4.2	13.5
43	20	Gardner (DC)	43	+6	...	...	...
246	225½	Hays	234 †	+7	4.6	2.5	23.0
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	183	...	6.3	4.3	13.7
70	55	Holmes Protecn	56	...	...	...	3.3
162	127	Hunt Whamp	152	-3	...	3.1	-
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	£113	...	...	1.0	15.9
637	532	Inchcape	603 †	-9	...	2.9	20.4
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	23.7	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	215	...	2.7	1.6	17.7
1187	893	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
44½	40½	Michael Page	41 †	...	1.8	5.5	-
279	217	Pennant	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	107	-8	12.0	14.9	-
423	385	RCO	390	...	12.8	4.4	13.4
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
74	43	Reed Executive	74	+11	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Secs	116	...	...	4.8	11.7
238	204	Rentokil	205	-9	2.3	1.4	25.6
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	265	...	6.2	2.9	17.8
399	343	Salvesen (C)	371	+2	7.0	2.4	20.5
35	29	Scott Pickford	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	182	...	9.4	6.5	9.6
6	5	Select App	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	988	+38	14.0	1.8	-
352	252	Sherwd Cmp	315	+5	...	2.8	-
130	92	Sketchley	92	...	3.0	4.1	11.2
355	327	Warner Howrd	337	...	...	2.3	19.0
45	28	Welpac	28	...	0.6	2.7	...
25	14	Wills Gp	24½	+½	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	225	-1	3.9	2.2	17.9
759	613	Amersham	702	...	12.5	2.2	26.0
7	4	Anglo Utd	4	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9500	-196½	...	7.3	...
269	231	BTP	239	-1	8.8	4.6	17.5
£119	£104½	Bayer DM50	£110	-50	...	5.2	...
173	134	Blagden	173	+11	9.5	6.9	18.6
165	137	Brent Chems	147	...	7.4	6.3	-
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	490	...	...	...	...
29	18	Caird Gp	24½	...	1.3	6.8	-
153	127	Canning (W)	131 †	-1	7.2	7.0	-
608	533½	Courtaulds	554½	-9½	13.0	2.9	15.1
280	228	Croda	280 †	+1	7.736	3.5	-
146	121	Doeflex	128	...	4.6	4.5	9.8
202	175	Ellis & Everard	200	...	7.0	4.4	18.2
28	15½	Euro Colour	22½	+½	0.6	3.6	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
225	194	Hickson	223 †	...	8.0	4.5	-
£114½	9612½	Hoechst	9800	-125	...	8.0	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	215	...	...	2.2	19.8
1288	1048	ICI	1257	-31	55.0	5.5	31.2
688	581	Laporte	653	-4	19.5	3.7	-
223	190	Leigh	193	...	7.8	5.1	15.7
19½	11	MTM	12	...	1.8	...	2.4
1600	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1587½	...	...	1.6	...
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	371	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	254	Plysu	268	...	6.0	2.8	18.1
210	173	Porvair	208	...	3.6	2.2	22.3
13	7½	Suncliffe Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	445 †	...	16.0	4.5	17.9
490	395	Wolstnholme R	448 †	...	17.0	4.7	-
391	368	Yorks Chem	390	-1	...	2.5	20.9
306	240	Yule Catto	297 †	+1	5.9	2.5	-

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	103	+14	3.0	3.6	...
87	42	Amber Day	86	+1	3.1	4.6	23.3
319	257	Argos Plc	308	-1	...	2.8	21.2
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	102	...	0.1	0.1	-
305	283	Asprey	285	-1	...	2.1	23.1
240	188	Austin Reed	240	+5	5.0	2.6	-
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.7	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bentalls	111	-1	1.9	2.2	-
273	208	Betterware	249	-9	...	0.6	34.3
31	22	Blacks Leis	23	...	3.3	...	...
227	133	Body Shop	215	...	1.6	0.9	24.8
15½	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	+½	...	0.6	-
401	318	Brown (N)	359	-4	6.0	2.1	22.2
84	64½	Burton	82½	+1½	...	...	...
145	126	Canton	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
355	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	157 †	-1	4.2	3.4	-
247	212	Coats Viyella	240	-3	...	3.8	26.3
106	78	Colourvision	88	...	...	...	14.9
484	374	Courts Furnish	484	+7	5.0	1.3	24.3
155	115	Crown Eye	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	96	-4	...	3.9	-
65	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	63 †	+½	1.0	2.0	-
281	194½	Dixons Grp	221	-3	6.0	3.4	26.0
390	320	Dunhill	387	-3	7.7	2.5	13.4
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	-
115	71	Essex Furn	103	...	...	3.3	17.5
233	203	Etam	233	+5	6.9	3.8	-
562	499	Fine Art Dev	552	...	11.0	2.5	21.2
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn	50	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci	43	-3	2.0	...	8.6
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
41	23	Goldsmiths Gp	36	-1	1.8	...	...
2865	2400	GUS	2865	+25	40.0	1.7	22.8
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1684	+9	40.0	3.0	13.4
40	34	Hampden Grp	36 †	...	...	3.5	-
277	101	Hartstone	109	...	4.8	5.6	6.7
29½	20	Helene Plc	21 †	-1½	2.0	12.0	-
42	29	Heritage	39	...	...	...	...
62	35	Honeysuckle	58	...	...	2.2	8.2
189	128	Hse of Lerose	185	...	10.3	7.0	-
71	63	Jacques Vert	71	+2	2.0	...	...
602	496	Kingfisher	601	+1	...	3.9	17.0
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	655	...	7.2	1.4	-
313	265	Lloyds Chem	308	-2	5.5	2.2	12.1
152	120	MFI	138	+3	...	3.4	18.4
360	311	Marks Spencer	351	-6	7.1	2.5	21.4
500	445	Menzies (John)	497	-2	10.0	2.5	16.5
153	135	Moss Bros	150	-3	5.0	4.3	28.9
174	139½	Next	165½	+1	2.5	1.9	-
30	15	Oliver (G)	29	+4	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	215	...	1.5	5.6	14.0
60	45	Pentos	49	...	...	3.9	-
313	255	QS Hldgs	285	+2½	5.7	2.3	20.0
21	11	Ramars Group	20½	+1	2.4	14.6	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	31½	+2	...	...	...
174	137	Sherwood Gp	172 †	...	2.6	1.9	-
107	93	Sears	106	...	...	4.1	29.1
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	445	-5	13.4	3.8	15.7
14½	4½	Specialeyes	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	203	-2	5.0	3.1	-
191	153	T & S Stores	156 †	...	5.9	4.7	11.6
133	71	Tie Rack	126	-1	1.0	1.0	-
213	160	Time Products	200	...	7.5	4.7	19.6
100	63	Usher (Frank)	92	...	...	6.5	7.3
45	27	Vival	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wensum	40	...	...	...	7.1
105	78	Wickes	105	+7	...	...	46.6
60	45	Wid of Leather	51	...	...	2.6	-
191	146	Wyevale	191	...	...	...	3.9
4	2½	Xtra-vision	4	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	152	-1	4.5	3.7	15.0
238	223	Acal	238	...	...	3.1	19.0
162½	34	Acorn Comp	103	-3	...	...	52.2
480	385	Admiral	444	...	5.4	1.5	18.8
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
43	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	35	-½	0.4	...	...
128	78	App Holo	87	+3	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	13	...	...	...	...
53½	35½	Asrec	53½	...	...	...	...
290	250	Beales Hunter	279	...	9.2	4.1	14.7
5½	3½	Bennett & Fountn	5½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	360 †	+2	19.2	6.7	24.4
575	456	Bick	483	+3	9.2	2.4	18.8
1650	1150	Borland	1488	-12	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	310	-3	6.3	2.6	-
445½	376	BT	417	-2½	14.4	4.3	15.5
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.7	...
151	110	Burnfield	140	+1	5.7	5.1	22.1
760	689	Cable Wireless	716	-19	13.2	2.3	22.1
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
121	74	Compur People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	146½	+1½	...	0.4	12.0
326	243	Critchley	310	...	...	2.5	22.0
480	414	Delta	488	+1	14.0	3.6	-
298	205	Denmans El	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	480	Domino	516	+1	7.2	1.7	17.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	55 †	...	2.5	5.7	18.1
1018	865	Druck	1018	...	...	1.2	24.8
411	358	Electrocomponts	394	+1	7.0	2.2	21.3
573	470	El Data Prc	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
86	43	Electron House	81	-5	2.3	3.6	24.7
21	10½	Emess	21	+1	0.1	0.6	-
587	442	Eurotherm	584	-3	8.0	1.7	20.6
131	108	FKI	120½	+½	2.3	2.2	25.1
397	340	Farnell Elect	378	-1	5.8	1.9	20.6
50	33	Feedback	48	-8	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	15½	...	...	...	...
177	101	First Tech	177	+1	...	...	...
221	81	Forward Gp	221 †	+9	...	1.9	-
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
328½	264	GEC	317	...	9.6	3.8	16.8
182	132	Graseby	178	+2	10.9	7.7	-
39	39	Hitelare	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
120	83	INSTEM	109	+4	...	3.5	7.7
378	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
10	8	Kembrey	10	...	0.3	4.7	3.8
321	260	Kenwood App	310	-1	...	...	16.4
181	47	Kewill Sys	164	-6	...	...	8.2
303	100	Kode	180	...	5.5	3.8	21.3
46	16	Laser-Scan	36	+1	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	283	-2	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	268 †	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	142	Life Sciences	144	...	3.5	3.1	15.6
226	164	Logica	226	+1	3.6	2.0	26.7
54	44	LPA Inds	46	...	...	9.4	13.0
212	183	MR Data Mngmt	183	-2	4.3	3.0	17.5
673	523	Macro 4	672	-1	...	2.4	22.6
630	527	Memvier-Sw	615	...	...	1.6	20.2
3013	2075	Micro Focus	2075	-45	...	...	19.1
227	188	Microgen	199	...	7.2	4.6	13.5
34½	24	Microvitec	27½	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	476	+3	6.1	1.6	21.7
151	98	Mitel	144	+7	...	...	...
136	111	MMT Compn	112	...	...	3.9	14.2
27	19	Molynx	19	...	...	8.6	1.8
272	202	MTL Insts	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	134	Multitone Elect	134	...	3.0	2.8	16.4
149	116	Murray Enter	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5425	NYNEX	5450	-212½	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	-2	2.6	2.1	20.4
63	42	Newmark (L)	63 †	...	...	...	...
100	58	Norbain	94	...	...	1.3	14.1
42	20	Northamber	38	...	0.5	1.6	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	248	...	4.3	2.2	16.7
72	48	P-E Internl	62	...	1.0	2.0	...
75	29	P & P	71	-1	1.4	2.5	37.7
80	55	Peek	74	...	3.4	5.9	18.7
190	115	Pentsus	173	...	...	4.6	43.9
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	6.4	...	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp ov	912½	...	...	...	...
452	343	Pifco	447	...	7.7	2.2	37.9
432	303	-do- 'A' Votng	427	...	7.7	2.3	36.2
96	76	Plasmec	76	...	...	6.4	-
104	76	Pressac	87	...	2.4	3.4	17.6
125	103	Psion	120 †	...	...	2.6	31.9
11	6½	Pearmigan	7	...	...	...	...
224	180	Racal Elect	215	-2	1.5	0.9	25.5
58	45	Radamec	58	+5	1.0	3.3	-
70	43	Radius	56	+1	...	6.0	19.3
92	61	Real Time	64	...	...	5.9	5.8
39	18	Riva	24	...	...	...	...
610	488	Sage Gp	596	-1	9.0	1.9	19.1
66	49	Scantronic	65	...	2.9	5.7	20.5
142	117	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
330	270	Sema Gp	298	...	2.8	1.2	24.0
39	26	Silvermines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2200	-12½	...	1.3	22.0
26	4½	TDS Circuits	25	+6	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	146	-2	0.6	0.5	50.9
899	809	THORN EMI	869	-14	30.1	4.3	22.4
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
103	75	Total Systems	84	...	2.2	3.3	15.0
429	372	Tunstall	409	+4	6.0	1.8	18.3
240	164	Unitech	234	...	5.8	3.1	40.9
11½	6	Verity	8½	...	...	...	...
33½	24	Vistec	30	...	...	1.3	25.6
434	370	Vodafone	377	-7	...	1.9	18.5
441	374	Volex	410	...	...	5.2	20.8
22	11	Western Selectn	20	...	...	...	...
251	223	Wholesale Ftgs	251	+1	11.7	5.8	23.9

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	463	-7	17.1	4.6	8.9
496	399	Eastern Elect	479	-7	16.7	4.4	11.9
356	304	Hydro-Elect	337	-2½	10.1	3.8	12.0
500½	404	London Elect	475	-5	16.8	4.4	9.1
549	458	Manweb	538	-4	18.2	4.2	7.8
514	424½	Midlands Elec	501	-2	17.2	4.3	10.5
549	440	Northern Elec	519	-9	18.5	4.5	7.7
544	439	Norweb	518	-4	17.7	4.3	9.7
337	285	Scottish Power	315	-3	10.1	4.0	11.7
529	436	Seeboard	508	-4	17.2	4.2	9.2
571	469	Sth Wales	545	-5	19.4	4.4	8.6
532	426	Sth Western	504	-9	17.4	4.3	9.1
496	406	Southern Elec	479	-7	16.6	4.3	9.5
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	530	-5	17.7	4.2	9.8
354½	273	National Powr	337	-8	9.1	3.4	11.1
353	273	PowerGen	345	-4	...	3.4	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	76	Baltic Plc	84	-2	1.0	1.5	-
453	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	248	-5	10.2	5.2	17.6
91	71	Flextech	90	...	...	...	8.9
303	155	Goven	291	-3	...	5.7	8.3
146	125	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
6½	3½	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
195	154	Lon Forfaitng	195	+3	8.4	5.5	13.8
57	47	Manakin	55	...	...	...	...
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	11	...	...	...	...
47	40	Newmarket	47	+1	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Brs	270	...	6.0	2.8	-
22	17	Rutland Tst	20	...	0.8	5.0	-
330	280	S & U	313	+3	...	3.3	11.3
67	48	Singer & Friedl	61 †	...	2.6	5.3	-
938	788	Sothebys	838	...	...	4.9	...
103	83	SJP Capital	102	...	3.0	3.7	18.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1800 †	-46½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	214½	-2½	6.7	3.9	29.3
978	835	Henderson Ad	918	...	41.0	5.6	20.2
120	92	Invesco MIM	120 †	...	3.0	3.1	-
218	164	Jardine Strat	191	...	...	4.1	8.6
194	154	MAI	184	+1	6.0	4.1	13.4
469	389	MAM	499	...	11.5	3.1	18.3
796	633	M & G	791	...	20.0	3.2	21.0
225	115	Smith New Crt	215	...	4.5	2.6	8.6
97	97	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	55	Trio Hldgs	71	...	...	5.3	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	482	-2	14.0	3.7	10.8
77½	53	ASDA Group	71½	+2	...	2.8	23.1
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	205	+2	6.5	4.0	11.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	67	-2	3.7	7.2	10.8
407	320	Argyll	342	-2	9.7	3.6	13.5
25	12	Ashley Group	19½	...	0.7	6.0	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	141 †	...	8.0	7.1	-
210	160	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	402	+7	6.5	2.0	20.3
85	57	Bensons Crsp	64 †	-½	...	5.6	14.4
135	112½	Berisford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...
455	363	Booker	380 †	...	...	7.2	13.4
50	35	Borthwick	45	-½	1.1	3.1	31.4
488	430	Brake Bros	483	...	...	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	45	+3	...	...	16.7
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	479	-3	...	3.4	17.8
99	78	Carrs Milling	83	...	3.9	5.9	16.6
201	178	Cranswick	196	...	...	4.8	14.5
20	8½	Cullens	16	...	0.5	3.9	8.6
384	168	Dalepak	218	-1	6.0	3.4	9.8
491	433	Dalgety	452 †	+4	19.5	5.4	13.2
50	27	Daniels S	47 †	...	0.2	0.7	...
134	122	Everest	133	...	...	3.3	18.4
295	269	Farepak	292	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farmingford	8½	...	...	...	...
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
125	78	Fyffes	110	...	...	1.4	18.3
483	370	Geest	440	...	8.1	2.3	-
12	7	Global	11 †	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
195	147	Hazlewood Fds	190	...	6.1	4.0	11.5
171	131	Hillsdown	156 †	+2	...	7.1	12.3
44	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
750	616	Iceland Frozen	699 †	+1	...	1.8	16.9
131	111	JLI Group	114	...	4.5	4.9	16.4
853	731	Kwik Save	768	-3	16.0	2.6	16.1
262	208	Low (Wm)	208	-1	8.4	5.1	9.9
58	41	Matthews (B)	50	...	2.2	5.6	32.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	13½	...	1.1	10.0	32.3
174	151	Morrison (W)	155	-2	...	0.6	20.1
538	443	Nichols (JN)	503	+5	13.6	3.4	14.6
290	255	Nthn Foods	260½	-1½	...	3.8	14.3
32	14	Nthmbrn Fns	16	...	...	...	6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	208	...	6.1	3.8	-
241	205	Park Foods	209	-3	3.2	1.9	25.0
115	83	Perkins Food	100	+1	4.4	5.5	-
96½	47	PizzaExpress	72	-1	...	0.9	41.4
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	3½	...	...	...	...
584	455	Sainsbury J	476	-2	8.7	2.3	17.7
68	33	Sentry Farms	58	...	...	2.2	13.6
225	170	Sims Food	171	...	11.2	8.2	9.2
439	391	Tate & Lyle	405	-9	12.0	3.7	14.9
273	230	Tesco	234 †	-5½	7.1	4.0	-
211	167	Thorntons	170	...	3.8	2.7	15.8
183	101	Treatt	183	...	...	2.5	20.9
375	300	Unigate	355	...	15.3	5.4	12.7
414	340½	Utd Biscuits	399	+14	...	4.8	20.6
25	21½	Usborne	24	...	0.4	2.1	14.6
337	248	Watson & Phil	301	...	13.3	5.5	15.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Aberdn Stk H	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	81 †	...	1.5	2.4	-
209	170	Forte	199 †	+1	7.5	4.7	-
199	155	Friendly Hotels	170	+9	5.7	4.3	-
9	6½	Harmony Leis	8½	+½	...	...	...
110	87	Jarys Hotel	104	...	...	5.9	12.2
215	166	Ladbroke	170	-5	...	8.2	22.4
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	61	-½	...	5.6	...
59	44	Queens Moat	47 #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	43½	+4½	3.4	9.9	8.5
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IL	21½	-2	...	6.4	13.0
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	750 †	+7	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	49	+1	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	183	AAF Inds	203 †	...	...	5.2	12.1
616	489	AAH	489	-7	16.3	4.2	15.5
172	140	ADM	141	...	6.5	5.8	8.7
132	100	APV	110	+1	5.4	6.1	-
182	81	ASW	177	...	6.0	4.2	...
155	128	Adwest	148 †	+1	7.0	5.9	21.0
16½	10	Aerospace Eng	14½	...	1.0	...	8.8
498	434	Airsprung	441	+4	7.5	2.1	12.2
133	113	Alexdra W	128	...	3.8	3.8	-
13½	7	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
528	415	Alumasc	528	+1	11.0	2.6	16.2
35	17	Alvis	30	+1	1.0	4.2	6.2
420	345	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	19	Amberley Gp	28	-2	...	4.5	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	141	...	4.4	3.9	...
893	703	Amofagasta	855	...	...	2.4	-
50½	37	Armour	45½	...	1.4	4.1	13.4
170	143	Ash & Lacy	160	...	6.4	5.0	-
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.1	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	525	+7	16.5	3.9	20.4
235	168	Assoc Nursg	215	...	...	...	8.2
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	675 †	-3	...	4.2	-
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	41	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	159	+6	...	5.9	-
51	28	BLP Group	51	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	18 †	+½	5.0	...	0.8
770	690	BOC	696	-13	23.2	4.2	15.3
79½	62	BSG	63 †	...	...	6.3	-
440	353	BSS Group	440	...	...	4.9	17.6
621	530	BTR	612	-6	...	3.7	20.1
221	188	BWI	193 †	+1	8.7	4.3	18.6
41½	31	Babcock	36	...	3.1	...	7.5
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	244	...	8.9	4.6	...
1082½	556½	Barlow Rand	993½	+6½	...	6.4	3.0
7	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	58	...	1.4	3.1	-
15	5	Beaufort	6½	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	7½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	30	...	...	...	...
27½	20	Benson Group	20	...	0.1	0.6	18.5
707	543	Bespak	544	...	9.0	2.1	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	112½	...	9.7	11.5	6.2
267	139	Billam (J)	267	+16	5.0	2.3	-
33½	21½	Bilston Brunsea	29	...	...	...	...
11½	7½	Bimec Ind	8½	...	0.0	...	...
158	126	Birkby	145	...	...	0.9	...
43	32	Black Arrow	37	+2	2.1	7.1	8.6
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	180	+1	2.9	2.2	17.1
196	129	Bluebird Toys	185	...	...	3.0	-
587	494	Bodycote	581	-2	10.0	2.2	...
563	461	Boots	493	-5	...	3.4	18.5
61	45	Booth Inds	48	...	3.2	8.3	5.0
517	435½	Bowater	506	+8	11.5	2.8	20.0
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1439 †	-32	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	238 †	+2	...	1.9	-
18	12½	Brasway	16½	+½	0.5	4.4	21.3
268	204	Brammer	253 †	...	13.0	6.4	-
16½	12	Bridgend Gp	14½	+½	1.2	...	6.5
100	64	Bridon	90	...	4.0	5.7	-
66	53	Bridport-Gndry	60 †	+1	4.1	8.5	11.3
40	31	Brierley Inv	34	...	...	9.3	8.4
308	273	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	50	-2	...	...	...
495	417	Br Polythene	495 †	+1	...	2.5	-
97	54	Br Steel	93	-1	...	1.3	...
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	14	...	...	2.2	...
268	216	Br Vita	222	-1	7.1	4.0	13.7
13	6½	Britton Grp	10½	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	676	-14	...	2.9	29.6
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	104	...	4.0	4.8	14.3
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
68	51	Brown & Tawse	67	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	111	+2	6.0	6.8	19.0
26	16	Business Tech	17	+1	...	...	20.5
28	17	Cl Group	28	+1	2.0	9.2	11.5
25	15	Campbll & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
14½	6½	Cannon St	9	-1½	3.3	...	...
240	206	Cape	234	...	10.5	5.6	14.9
218	178	Carclo Eng	217	...	...	3.9	18.2
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2438	...	...	2.7	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.0	5.4	8.4
707	609	Charter Cons	629	-3	21.5	4.3	15.1
270	230	Chemring	258	-2	...	4.0	15.5
92	69	Chieftain Gp	71	...	5.1	9.0	15.2
30	17	Chillington	23	+1	0.5	2.7	...
188	144	Christies Int	180	...	1.5	1.0	-
61	34	Clayhithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	80	Clayton Son	83	...	3.0	4.5	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	170	Community H	180	...	6.5	4.5	11.2
246	186½	Concentric	225	-1	...	3.1	18.0
176	130	Cook (Wm)	163	+8	10.0	...	10.9
208	182	Cookson	200	-4	...	3.8	-
45	38	Copymore	45	...	...	7.5	8.8
238	173	Crwll Pkr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cosalt	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	168	Creighton Nt	168	-3	...	5.2	12.2
40	27	CrestaCare	40	...	0.5	1.6	-
3456½	2993½	Dana	3143½	-12½	...	...	...
685	314	Danka Bs Sys	595	...	3.7	0.8	18.3
16	5	Davies (DY)	16	...	...	...	...
707	642	De La Rue	702	-1	15.0	2.7	21.5
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21 †	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
481	391	Diploma	460	...	9.7	2.6	23.9
65	50	Dobson Park	58	...	5.7	12.4	10.4
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
421	371	EIS	375 †	...	...	3.9	-
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9½	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	28	...	...	...	...
43	21	Eleco	21	-2	3.3	...	12.4
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2137½	...	...	2.6	-
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	424	Eng China Cl	440	+7	20.0	5.7	-
2475	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2437½	-21½	...	1.3	-
76	27	Erskine Hse	39	...	...	7.3	4.1
44	32	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
73	47	Expamet	67	...	3.2	6.1	-
635	499	Fairey Group	611 †	...	10.2	2.1	-
95	53	Fenner	73	+8	4.2	7.2	13.8
61	33	Ferraris Group	61	+7	...	2.0	13.9
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
35	28	Fife Indmar	28	...	0.5	2.2	...
251	157	Fisons	165 †	-2	...	6.6	17.7
50	29	Fitzwilton	50	...	...	10.1	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	40	...	2.3	7.4	8.1
74	56	French (Thomas)	66	...	3.6	6.9	33.1
210	166½	Frost Group	190 †	+1	4.0	2.7	-
85	71	GEI Int	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	465	+3	...	5.5	20.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	...	5.4	...
87	79	Garton Eng	79	...	4.0	6.6	...
160	111	Gestetner	111	-5	8.2	9.2	4.8
36	23	Gleves	27	-1	...	...	19.5
801	545	Glaxo	575	-27	17.0	3.7	15.9
26	16	Glencheweton	25	...	...	...	...
306	245	Glynwed	305	+3	11.6	4.9	-
93	66	Goode Durrant	85	...	5.4	7.9	18.0
134	102	Grampian Hld	134	...	5.5	5.1	-
406	341	Granada	400	+2	7.7	2.4	21.3
399	301	Great Sthrn	359 †	...	...	3.8	14.8
86	78	Green (Ernst)	86	...	...	10.2	11.9
12	8½	Greenacre	11½	-½	...	3.1	-
17	8	Guardian Grp	12	...	...	...	...
43	30½	Haden Maclin	40	...	2.0	6.1	-
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	68	+6	...	...	...
211	115	Hall Eng	211	+1	8.6	5.1	17.6
258	215	Halma	237	...	2.2	1.2	29.3
49	30	Hampson Ind	35	...	2.3	...	9.5
265½	228	Hanson	238	-3½	...	6.0	12.1
221	187	Harris (Philip)	211 †	...	...	4.1	15.0
186	147	Harrisn Crsfld	177 †	-2	9.0	6.4	25.6
60	38	Havelock Euro	56	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	33	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	23	...	0.7	3.8	12.1
366	301	Hepworth	363	+9	14.8	5.1	15.6
225	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	28	...	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	7	Hotson	8	...	...	...	...
104	87	Holders Tech	100	...	...	7.5	-
40	30	Hopkinsons	36	+1	3.7	...	10.4
167	138	Hornby	151	...	...	7.5	-
13½	6	Hospital Crp	6	...	...	16.7	1.6
67	54½	Howden	67	+1	...	4.0	10.3
238	178	Hunting	218 †	...	5.9	...	...
1160	808	Huntigh Tec	1095	-5	...	1.1	-
294	247	IMI	294	+1	10.0	4.3	-
108	90	ISA Intl	97 †	...	1.5	1.9	15.1
205	179	Intercare Gp	186	+1	...	1.7	19.2
255	235	Isotron	248	...	3.9	2.0	15.9
493	360	Jardine Math	431	-4	...	3.0	-
537	438	Johnson Matth	450	...	9.6	2.7	18.7
64	52	Johnson & FB	53½	...	3.0	7.0	16.5
136	104	Johnston	116	...	3.2	3.5	-
32	19	Jones Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
30	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.3	...
47½	26	Kalamazoo	40	...	...	...	37.9
168	73	Kalon	168	+3½	3.2	2.4	-
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
118	75	Kleeneze	106	...	...	...	...
118	61	LGW	118	...	3.0	3.2	9.8
303	266	Laird	289	+2	10.5	4.5	-
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	133	...	5.9	5.5	56.5
136	110	Lilleshall	123	...	4.2	4.3	15.2
153	97	Lincat	149	...	...	4.3	12.9
18	4½	Lincoln Hse	15½	...	...	...	12.8
128	76	Linread	107 †	...	3.7	4.4	16.5
205	170	Linton Park	205	+15	14.0	9.0	-
14½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	17½	+½	1.0	7.1	55.1
274	191	Lon Ind	198	-1	9.4	6.0	13.5
93	70	Lonrho	84½	...	...	5.9	...
342	260	Low & Bonar	322	+4	...	3.5	-
343	283	MB-Caradon	303 †	+3	8.6	3.6	-
169½	140½	-do- pf	158½	...	7.2	5.8	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	21	...	1.8	...	...
35	27	MS Intl	34	+1	2.5	9.2	20.3
50	39	MY Holdings	41 †	...	...	3.0	12.5
283	236	Macfarlane	257 †	...	4.7	2.3	...
430	379	McKechnie	425	...	14.7	4.3	22.2
106	88	McLeod Russel	104	+2	6.0	7.2	12.7
10½	6½	Maddox	7½	...	...	...	...
74	66	Magnolia	69 †	...	0.1	0.2	-
106	71	Mang Bronze	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	23½	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn	174 †	...	...	3.6	14.4
48	29	Mayflower	48 †	-2	...	3.3	-
236	191½	Medeva	214	...	...	1.3	17.4
103½	88	Meggitt	100½	...	3.7	4.7	-
130	111	Metalr	112	...	4.0	4.5	-
76	70	Metsec	70	...	...	...	...
86	29	Midsmres	66	+1	...	1.4	-
21½	14	Mining & Ald	21½	...	0.5	2.9	...
488	368	Molins	456	...	14.0	3.8	...
365	262	Morgan Cble	290 †	...	12.6	5.4	-
145	134	Morris Ashby	135	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Nerpsend	22	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	52 †	-1	3.1	7.6	-
164	122	Nobo Gp	164	+5	3.5	2.7	20.0
171	125½	Norcros	170	+1	7.0	5.1	29.1
43	35	Nova Group	39	...	1.0	...	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	24½	...	1.7	8.9	...
140	133	PCT	133	...	...	6.6	12.1
48	44	Pacer Systems	44 †	...	...	8.3	...
138	114	Pennland	115	...	...	2.7	-
380	310	Photo-Me	360	...	4.4	1.6	17.8
135	97½	Pilkington	135	+4	6.0	5.6	49.1
32	19	Platon	29	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	70	...	3.0	5.5	10.7
149	126	Polypipe	149	+2	1.9	1.7	21.5
517	485	Portals	489	...	14.5	3.8	-
32	19	Porter Chadburn	22	+2	2.5	14.2	5.4
7½	5½	Porth Gp	7	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	355	...	6.0	2.1	20.1
30	16½	Prospect Inds	17	...	0.7	5.5	8.5
54	37½	RPS Group	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ramco Oil	112	...	...	2.2	79.0
744	636	Rank Org	710	+1	31.0	5.5	19.4
33	23	Ransomes	30	+2	...	...	...
657	574	Reckitt Colm	575	-10	...	3.5	23.1
77	50	Record	76	...	3.6	6.1	36.2
4	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	12.2
169	131	Relyon	154	+1	4.9	4.0	-
303	275	Renishaw	285	+1	6.5	2.9	21.8
60	55	Renold	58	...	1.0	2.2	...
1438	1265	Reuters	1284	-23	21.2	2.1	21.2
30	24½	Rexmore	28	...	1.7	7.8	6.9
120	91	Ricardo Group	115	...	5.7	6.3	31.8
61	58	Richard (Leics)	60	...	4.4	9.2	6.0
78	63	Richardson West	70	...	3.0	5.4	-
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	6.8	-
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.4	-
38	28	Ross Gp	33 †	...	0.654	2.5	-
448	395	Rotork	437 †	-½	11.1	3.2	-
135	100	Rubicon	130	...	...	1.4	...
65	43	Russell (A)	50	...	1.0	2.5	-
26	15	SEP Ind	24½	...	0.6	3.4	-
800	625	SKF 'B'	700	...	...	5.9	...
312	222	Sanderson Elec	308	...	9.0	3.7	13.1
73	38	Savage	73	+5	...	0.4	...
45	39	Savile Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	223	Scapa	224	-1	5.3	3.0	18.2
238	192	Scholl	235 †	+3	6.3	3.8	-
6½	4	Scot Heritable	4	...	...	...	...
990	928	Securicor	929	...	2.6	0.4	35.3
668	575	-do- 'A'	575	-5	2.6	0.6	-
565	475	Security Serv	475	-5	5.0	1.3	23.5
94	77	Senior Eng	81 #	+1	3.1	4.3	-
361	306	Seton Health	339	-1	...	1.9	21.7
60	42	Sheldon Jones	60	+7	...	...	...
97	88	Shiloh	94	...	3.7	3.7	25.5
361	298	Sidlaw	298	...	10.0	4.2	13.9
501	427	Siebe	477	-5	...	2.4	20.1
305	220	Silentnight	290	...	8.0	3.4	16.1
121	102	Sime Darby	109	...	...	4.1	13.4
142	92	Simon Eng	114	-3	5.0	5.5	26.1
359	235	Sinclair (Wm)	252	-1	7.0	3.5	16.2
47	42	Sis Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	143½	Smith & Neph	147	-1½	...	4.0	19.2
513	389	SmithKline	449	-15	8.6	2.4	16.1
450	340	SmithKline U's	392	-14	...	3.4	14.0
394	320	Smiths Ind	357	+4	11.2	4.0	14.4
140	79	Sthn Bus	84	-1	3.3	5.0	7.9
376	265	Spandex	375	...	...	3.2	-
475	300	Spear (JW)	475	...	14.0	3.8	-
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	343 †	+2	9.3	3.4	-
145	55	Spring Ram	74 †	...	0.3	0.6	-
270	231	Staveley	231	-3	8.2	4.4	13.2
147	126	Sterling Ind	140	...	5.6	5.0	17.5
20	11	Stonehill	18½	-½	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	139	...	8.9	7.9	-
317	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	307	-4	...	2.9	-
7	5	Sycamore	6½	...	...	...	...
78	58	Sykes-Pick	58	...	...	8.9	10.8
265	240	Syltone	265	-5	9.4	4.5	12.2
198	164	T&N	174 †	-3	10.8	7.8	-
333	279	TI	305	...	...	4.4	18.7
18	12	TLS Range	13	...	...	2.5	...
275	218	TT Group	269	+1	6.0	2.8	-
249	220	Takare	234	...	1.8	1.0	-
815	618	Takeda Chem	800	...	...	0.6	21.2
31	24	Tex Hldgs	31	...	...	...	...
79	70	Tinsley (E)	70	...	...	9.3	8.2
212	150	Titon	212	...	...	2.1	18.4
271	239	Tomkins	246	-6	...	3.2	17.3
94½	67	Trafalgar H	91½	-1	...	4.4	6.7
95½	65½	-do- 'A'	91½	...	...	...	...
579	340	Transfer Tech	525	...	16.0	3.9	-
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	182	...	7.0	4.8	16.7
253	221	UniChem	230 †	...	5.6	3.1	-
294½	279½	Unidare	305 †	+13½	...	7.0	9.1
35	11½	Unigroup	34½	...	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1115	-5	21.3	2.4	-
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7537½	...	...	2.8	12.1
663	513	VSEL	651	...	25.0	4.8	7.5
9½	6½	Verson	7½	...	...	...	...
141	95½	Vickers	139	-2	...	1.3	...
367	303	Victaulic	311	-2	7.8	3.1	-
364	283	Vinten	353	...	7.0	2.5	-
531	427	Vosper Thorny	530	...	13.1	3.1	12.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	-
468	410	Wagon Ind	418	...	...	5.1	16.2
80	71	Walker Greenbk	80	+2	3.1	5.0	-
243	201	Wassall	240	+1	2.5	1.3	24.2
35	22	Wtrford Wdgwd	33½	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	621	...	11.8	2.4	-
993	698	Wellcome	736	-24	13.0	2.2	20.3
27½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
495	460	Whatman	490 †	...	9.5	2.4	-
353	267	Whessoe	352	+15	...	2.8	13.7
10½	4	Wheway	10	...	1.0	12.5	...
50	27	Whitecroft	43	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
76	44	Wilkes (James)	66	...	3.5	6.7	19.2
365	313	Williams Hldg	340 †	+3	12.5	4.6	17.8
27½	17	Wilshaw	27½	+1	0.4	1.8	22.6
620	533	Wolseley	595	+9	12.5	2.6	20.6
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	41	+1	2.8	...	23.4
58	38	Young (H)	53	...	3.0	7.1	19.4

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1581½	Alex & Alex	1612½	-37½	...	4.3	...
2275	1793½	Am Gen	1962½	-75	...	3.9	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	34	...	...	...	...
148	122	Bradstock	126	-4	4.4	16.2	16.5
1475	1078	Britannic	1443 †	...	5.1	5.5	15.5
641	561	Com Union	616	-6	33.5	2.9	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1445	+5	...	4.9	...
22	18	FAI	18	...	...	1.6	23.9
615½	551	Gen Accident	571 †	-11	26.7	5.9	...
195	160	GRE	181	-1	7.0	4.8	15.0
370	293	Heath C E	311	-2	16.0	6.4	18.3
195	168	Hogg Gp	190	...	8.1	5.5	-
198	164	JIB Group	194	+3	7.5	4.8	19.6
493	408½	Legal & Gen	457	+2	...	5.2	64.2
1026	768	Liberty Life	825	-16	...	3.5	14.3
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	440	+2	17.3	4.9	15.8
296	253	Lloyd Thomp	278 †	+1	5.6	2.5	20.5
368	274	Londn & Man	340 †	...	14.2	5.2	-
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	350	...	12.6	4.5	13.9
6743½	5756½	Marsh McLn	5912½	-68½	...	3.1	...
97	76	Oriel	77	...	...	8.1	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	333	-4	...	4.5	22.2
1138	800	Refuge	1058	...	31.5	3.7	29.3
329	258	Royal	326	-3	5.0	1.9	...
183	153	Sedgwick	167	-2	6.0	4.5	20.1
261	216	Steel Burrill	220	...	13.2	7.5	-
87	57	Sturge Hldgs	58	...	8.2	17.8	5.9
362	307	Sun Alliance	330	-4	14.2	5.4	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	56	...	...	...	...
287	239	Transatlantic	286	...	12.0	5.2	26.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	680 †	...	14.5	2.7	-
208	171	Willis Corroon	179	...	...	4.6	...
20	13½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1628	-15	45.0	3.5	-
260	226½	Amer Trust	230½	-7	4.9	2.7	47.8
343	304	Ang & O'seas	336	-4	6.8	2.5	42.7
136½	124½	BZW Conv	125½	-½	7.8	7.8	14.7
158	133½	Bankers	148 †	-1	3.4	2.9	40.7
298	264	Baring Tribne	275	...	6.4	2.9	43.5
148	131	Berry Starq	142	...	2.2	2.0	-
106½	96½	Br Assets	100½	-2	...	5.4	24.3
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66½	-½	0.8	1.7	67.2
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	167	...	4.5	3.4	41.9
164	130	Contl Asset	153	-3	2.4	2.0	50.9
195	145	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
235	195	-do- Cap	225	...	...	...	...
119	90	Drayton Asia	115½	...	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
57	35	-do- Eng Intl	54	...	1.2	2.8	79.1
111	84	-do- Far East	107	...	0.6	0.7	...
107	95	-do- Korea	107	...	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	603	-4	25.4	5.3	27.7
582	513	-do- Wwide	572	-2	9.5	2.1	54.9
270	222	Dundee & Lon	253	...	12.0	6.0	23.2
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	49	...	4.8	12.4	8.8
55	51½	-do- Div Pf	52	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	264	-3	8.0	3.8	32.2
155	141	Electric Gen	152	...	3.1	2.5	48.4
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	242	-6	...	3.1	29.5
92	77	Finsbury 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	29.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	249	-8½	0.7	0.4	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	202 †	-1	...	3.3	39.8
266	212	Do Contl	244	...	2.7	1.4	-
171	147	-do- Eorp	168½	-½	4.5	3.3	37.8
267	213	-do- F East	267	...	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	298½	-1	3.0	1.3	...
116	106½	-do- Hi Inc	112	+1	5.8	6.5	19.1
210	136	-do- Japan	210	...	0.3	0.2	...
256	230	-do- Merc	252	-3	6.7	3.3	-
271	212	-do- O'seas	239	-3	4.0	2.1	57.1
229	203	Foreign & Col	220	-3	3.3	1.9	59.9
210	164	-do- Eurost	193	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	98	...	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	244 †	-4	1.9	1.0	-
137½	116	-do- Smaller	134½	-1	...	1.7	68.3
215	145	GT Japan	210	...	...	0.7	...
118	65	Genl Cons Cap	114	-2	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	107	...	...	9.9	11.0
145	123	Govett Am Smlr	124	-½	...	...	...
242	184	-do- Oriental	242	...	0.9	0.5	-
246	207	-do- Strategy	241	...	0.7	3.5	32.9
373	340	Greenfriar	371	...	6.3	2.1	55.7
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	49½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
134½	125	Inv Cap	129	...	5.1	5.0	29.7
92	77	MS UK Smlr	85½	...	2.0	2.9	21.1
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrl	173	-1½	5.0	3.6	33.7
203	176	-do- O'seas	196½	-2½	3.3	2.1	55.8
126	108	-do- Smlr	113	+1	4.0	4.4	27.4
595	540	Law Debenture	583	...	18.2	3.9	29.1
173	164	Majedie	173	+2	...	3.4	33.5
249	221	Merchants	239	-½	10.6	5.5	22.2
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4587½	-206½	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	406	-2	0.7	2.1	54.7
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	124	...	...	4.6	24.6
37	23	Do Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	45	+1	0.1	0.4	-
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	308	-3	...	4.4	29.3
319	265	-do- Intl	291	-3	11.4	4.9	26.2
312	263	-do- Small	296	-1	4.0	1.7	63.8
103	98	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.4	9.6
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	142½	...	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	243	...	10.3	5.3	19.2
71	56½	New Frontier	70	+1	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nwthmg Inc	78	...	6.7	10.8	10.9
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	286	-2	2.8	1.2	...
362	285	Pacific Assets	345	...	1.1	0.4	...
264	187	Do Warrants	247	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150 †	...	...	2.5	48.7
119	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	115	-1	1.1	1.2	52.1
123	108	River & Merc	115	...	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	350	Robeco	373 †	-17	...	3.5	...
388	346	Rolinco	368 †	-17	...	2.2	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	237	...	7.5	4.0	31.9
148½	131	Scot American	139½	-2	4.3	3.9	29.3
945	681	Scot Asian	925	...	...	...	...
345	225	do Warrants	340	...	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	68½	-2	1.5	2.8	45.3
201	183	Scottish	193½	-1½	4.6	3.0	40.1
201	178	-do- Mtge	188½	-2	3.9	2.6	44.4
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1427	-7	36.5	3.2	38.3
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81	-1	3.2	5.2	-
130	109½	Selective Asset	123	...	1.2	1.2	44.2
21½	14	Sphere Inv	20 †	...	3.1	19.4	6.5
139	112	TR Far East	131	...	4.5	4.3	28.5
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	135½	...	4.7	4.4	28.4
141	110	TR Pacific	128	...	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	-½	1.1	...	60.3
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	25.8
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	158½	-1	3.7	2.9	46.4
315	283	Temple Bar	306	-1	13.2	5.4	23.1
90	69	Thrntn Asian E	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
64	54	Throgmorton	60½	-½	2.3	4.8	24.6
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	403	...	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	192	+2	4.5	2.9	35.3
92	76½	Value Inc Tst	92	...	...	4.9	24.3
598	542	Whitbread Inv	561	+6	15.0	3.3	37.2
195	181	Witan	191	-2	5.6	3.7	33.5

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	290	-4	7.2	3.1	10.3
60	42	Ald Leis	46	...	4.7	...	13.7
272	194	Anglia TV	254	+3	9.2	4.6	-
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	197	...	10.0	6.6	12.3
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1200	+25	22.0	2.3	-
104	90	Border TV	91	...	...	3.7	11.9
16½	4½	Brent Walker	10½	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3½	...	...	...	...
202	188	Campari	188 †	-15	12.0	8.0	-
197	171	Capital Radio	197	...	5.2	3.4	22.5
818	718	Carlton Comm	746	-2	17.0	2.8	22.0
200	158	Castle Commn	180 †	-2	...	5.9	16.4
1825	1615	Central TV	1790	-10	38.0	2.7	-
83	61	Chrysalis	64	...	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	563	-7	12.3	2.7	16.0
350	218	Eurocamp	232	+7	9.7	5.3	9.6
1180	710	Euro Disney	915	+2	...	1.3	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	9.3
23	18	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
330	245	Fairline Boats	330	+16	10.5	4.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	360	...	6.1	2.1	24.9
515	298	GWR Gp	513	-2	...	1.7	26.4
181	149	Grampian	173	+1	5.5	4.0	12.2
6	5	Greenwich Comn	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	50	+1	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	42	-1	5.5	...	2.6
12	5½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
384	262	LWT CP	381	+1	4.9	1.6	-
451	327	Man Utd	449 †	...	18.0	5.0	15.4
148	96½	Owners Abrd	110	-3	3.5	4.0	8.8
66	33	The Pelican Gp	55	+2	...	2.3	18.9
130	55	Prism Leisure	110	-1	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde	291	...	...	3.7	22.8
162	132	Ramsdens (H)	160	+5	...	3.5	21.2
502	431	Scot TV	446 †	...	9.9	2.8	-
60	41	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	194	...	...	2.7	16.4
8	5½	Sunleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
29	29	TSW	29 #	...	...	23.8	0.9
420	383	Tanjong	420	...	...	0.6	-
221	150	Thames TV	195	+20	2.5	1.6	-
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	2.9
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	91	...	...	1.5	24.8
78	44	Trans World	68	...	...	...	...
372	274	Ulster TV	372	+9	10.0	3.4	11.2
22	13½	Wembley	15½	+½	0.2	1.6	...
31	7½	Whinegate	23	...	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	165	+2	12.0	9.1	5.0
108	83	Zetters Gp	106	...	8.0	9.4	10.7

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3287½	1800	Am Gold	3000	-34½	...	7.3	13.6
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1256½	+6½	...	8.1	5.4
1712½	1125	Ang Am	1600	...	...	4.8	10.0
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	16	...	...	...	...
91	33	Blyvoors	79½	+2	...	8.5	3.9
29½	18	Bracken	24	-½	...	...	1.0
535	233	Buffels	469	+8	...	9.4	10.4
2	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	610	-12	...	3.6	-
19	11	Cluff Res	13½	...	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1031½	-6½	...	5.1	-
68	37½	Deelkraal	59	-1	...	11.3	2.9
30	7	Doornfontein	22½	+1	...	...	...
600	388	Driefontein	536	+3	...	6.9	8.9
289	120	Durban	262	+3	...	...	...
94	47	E Rand Gold	79	...	...	16.9	-
126	62	E Daggs	111	-2	...	...	8.4
206	54	E Rand Prop	191	-3	...	...	...
281	117	Elandsrand	246	-5	...	5.5	5.2
574	292	FS Cons	532	+23	...	10.7	-
25	8	FS Dev	16	...	...	...	...
1238	725	GFSA	1138	+19	...	3.9	16.2
164	125	Gencor	151	+1	...	6.5	11.7
47½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	46	...	...	3.2	10.5
16½	7	Greenwich R 'A'	13	...	...	...	...
118	49	Grootvlei	110	-2	...	10.4	5.9
245	78	Harmony	229	-4	...	...	...
210	87	Hardies	210	+6	...	...	7.4
14	8½	Inoco	9½	...	...	...	...
785	491	Impala Plat	674½	-25	...	...	13.7
13½	6	Kenmare Res	13	...	...	...	...
685	332	Kinross	620	+6	...	9.1	6.1
541	319	Kloof	528	+7	...	3.7	8.1
71	25	Leslie	62	+2	...	7.6	5.5
48	13	Loraine	44½	...	...	...	...
116½	96½	MIM	96½	-1	...	2.5	41.2
995	820	Minorco	964	...	...	3.9	11.4
123½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	123	...	...	4.3	-
1400	610	Orange Free	1400	+50	...	9.9	11.3
709	628	RTZ	649	-1	19.5	4.0	28.4
550	425	Rand Mines	500	...	...	13.0	2.1
133	85	Rand Mln Prp	127	...	...	14.7	5.5
330	150	Randfontein	318	+7	...	6.0	4.4
163	115	Renison	152	-3	...	3.2	13.8
1075	850	Rustnbrg	962½	...	...	5.2	13.7
388	191	St Helena	365	+1	...	7.3	6.8
1050	475	Southvaal	922	+9	...	7.0	14.5
59	18	Stilfontein	57	-1	...	12.6	8.7
141	58	Unisel	130	+1	...	3.6	11.4
3400	1800	Vaal Reefs	3112½	+75	...	7.8	4.8
370	154	Welkom	370	+26	...	9.7	10.4
79	26	Western Areas	67	-1	...	...	...
1425	587½	Western Deep	1250	+21½	...	5.6	5.2
247	176	Wstrn Mining	232	-2	...	...	...
660	323	Winkels	651	+37	...	1.7	4.8
84	56	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	...
34	18	Zandpan	33	...	...	...	9.4

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	+4	5.2	5.7	-
116	82	Appleyard	114	+1	8.8	4.0	-
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	280	...	6.0	5.3	-
147	120	Bostrom	142 †	...	7.0	2.7	...
318½	165	Br Aerospace	318½	-9½	11.5	4.7	40.4
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	...	...	...
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr	127	...	...	3.9	32.3
26	18	Cook (DC)	20	+1	...	...	...
228	156	Cowie (T)	225½	+½	6.2	3.5	17.2
110	86	Dag Motors	104 †	...	5.7	6.9	-
147	106	Davnprt Vern	146	+6	4.0	3.4	18.0
264	155	ERF	201	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	104	+2	...	1.8	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	272	...	11.3	5.2	41.9
290	226	FR Group	272	...	7.2	3.4	-
3606½	2843½	Ford Motor	3343½	-81½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2475	-37½	...	2.0	...
51	38	Gowrings	50 †	...	2.0	5.0	-
125	85	Henlys	123	...	3.0	3.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	794	-37	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	23	...	...	...	...
95	66	Jessups	95	...	4.5	5.9	...
136	97	Kwik-Fit	125	...	3.3	3.4	-
344	281	Lex Service	341	+2	10.6	3.9	-
117	85	Lookers	115	...	6.2	6.7	...
152	126	Lucas	137 †	...	7.0	6.4	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
161	106	Perry Gp	160	...	6.0	4.8	-
153	108	Quicks Group	148	...	4.5	3.8	-
139	99	Rolls-Royce	132	-½	5.0	4.7	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	133	...	4.0	3.8	20.5
175	121	Westland	175	...	4.2	3.0	15.5

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.0	19.4
608	488	Blenheim Gp	518	-8	...	2.2	19.2
308	275	Bristol	305	...	11.5	4.7	22.6
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9100	...	13.0	1.8	20.5
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9075	...	13.0	1.8	20.4
305	262	Dorling Kind	262 †	-3	...	1.4	25.0
365	328	EMAP	364	+2	...	2.6	23.7
983	873	Euromoney Pb	938	...	29.5	3.9	21.1
237	170	Harrington K	224	...	4.5	2.5	18.1
358	233	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
283	226	Headline	283	...	4.5	2.0	-
140	105	Home Counts	129 †	...	6.0	5.8	-
5	3	Intl Bus Comm	5	...	...	...	...
9	6½	Intl Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	510 †	-3	...	4.2	...
533	395	Johnston Press	533	+2	6.2	1.5	23.1
288	243	Metal Bulletin	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
143	88	Mirror Gp	138	+1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	355	-2	...	0.3	22.3
240	169	News Intl	239	-2	...	0.5	16.6
431	354	Pearson	429	+10	...	3.5	20.1
658	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.9
686	618	Reed Intl	660	-5	...	3.2	28.8
146	98	Southnews	139	-2	...	1.3	41.0
130	90	Sterling Pub	116	...	...	2.7	38.3
370	328	Telegraph	361	-1	11.0	3.8	-
825	715	Thomson Corp	775	-10	25.4	4.1	-
347	313	Trinity Intl	345	...	6.7	3.2	20.7
39	34	Utd Group	34	...	...	...	...
598	494	Utd Nwspaprs	594	-4	...	4.5	14.8

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdern Petr	16½	+½	...	...	...
29½	17	Aran Energy	26½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Arcon Intl	50	...	...	...	...
61	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	59½	...	...	...	...
49	26	Aviva Pet	49	...	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	10	...	0.0	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	150	-1	7.1	5.9	4.5
326	276	British Gas	309½	-1½	...	5.9	13.4
312½	225	Br Petroleum	289½	-10½	10.5	4.5	45.6
1½	1	Bula Resources	1	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	721 †	-4	...	4.4	17.6
53	32	Cairn Energy	53	...	...	...	7.6
268	223	Calor Gp	256	...	12.0	6.0	-
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49½	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copiec Res	29	...	...	...	...
14	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	14	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	487	-7	16.0	4.1	60.1
88	55	Exp Co Louis	67	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	32½	-1	...	1.7	-
67	45	Goal Pet	53	...	1.4	3.3	-
31	18	Gt Western Res	26	...	...	...	...
154	108	Hardy O & G	154	+4	1.0	0.8	48.3
32½	18½	Kelt Energy	28	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	147 †	-3	3.3	2.9	29.8
103	63	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res	20	...	...	...	...
46½	34	Monument	44½	...	...	...	...
9½	6½	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	30	...	1.0	4.2	10.4
35	27	Oil Search	35	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Petrou	13½	...	...	...	...
110	90	Pict Pet	104	...	...	...	14.4
30½	19	Premier	27½	...	...	...	9.7
110	50	Presidio	110	...	...	5.7	...
368	290	Ranger	295	...	...	5.9	...
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	5850	...	...	5.5	13.7
4262½	3600	Schlumberger	3987½	-121½	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	59	-1	...	1.8	...
605	515	Shell	566	-14	21.9	4.8	17.4
203	191	Sunrise Eng Sv	192	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	5½	+½	...	...	3.6
41	25	Triton Europe	25	...	...	...	5.7
10	6½	Villers Grp	9½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	161	-5	...	2.4	...

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307	249	API	307	+2	7.5	3.1	28.7
192	144	Arjo Wiggins	192	+4	...	4.2	19.0
500	406	Abbott Mead	498	...	9.3	2.3	-
1½	½	Aegis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
23	13	Aegis Gp	21	+1½	1.3	8.2	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	187 †	...	...	3.3	-
11	7	BBB Design	11	+1	...	...	...
335	234½	Bemrose	335 †	...	...	4.4	...
33	16	Birkdale	21	...	0.2	1.1	19.5
138	118	Bunzl	134	-1	4.0	3.7	-
264	250	CIA Gp	264	+3	...	2.1	16.7
253	116	Capital Inds	253	+1	4.0	2.0	-
54	44	City of Lon	49	...	...	8.7	10.3
214	160	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	0	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	66	...	1.4	2.8	12.0
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	4.5	5.4	-
53	42	Dudley Jenkins	50	...	...	...	12.9
13½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.2
58	41	Fairway Groups	58	...	...	6.8	17.1
296	271	Ferguson Intl	293	...	12.5	5.3	16.9
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	-
106	74	Filofax	101	+6	...	0.5	25.2
20	14	Fitch	17	...	...	...	...
84	69	Gibbon Lyons	84	+3	...	7.4	16.5
295	247	Gold Greenless	275	...	...	3.8	22.3
41	20	Goodhead	27	...	0.5	2.3	...
84	43	Hunterprint	68	...	...	...	...
163	136	Intereurope	163	...	7.4	5.7	10.7
226	191	Jarvis Porter	225	...	4.4	2.4	24.5
28	15½	Lopex	25	+2	...	...	...
271	175	More O'Ferrall	268	-3	13.2	6.2	-
85	48	NMC Group	83	-1	1.2	...	16.4
103	86	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
229	167	Quarto	226	+1	5.3	3.0	-
347	319	St Ives Gp	331	-5	5.2	2.0	22.4
198	152	Saatchi	172	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	416	...	...	8.8	-
19½	11½	Senti	15	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	21½	...	...	...	...
335	294	Smith David	335	+1	9.5	3.5	14.8
295	249	Smurfit (Jeff)	249	-5	...	0.6	8.6
241	183	Smi-Plus	241 †	+2	8.0	4.1	-
23½	16½	Taylor Nelson	23½	...	0.3	1.6	-
53	38	VTB	50	...	...	8.7	13.9
74	40	WPP	71	-2	...	1.8	...
123	62	Wace	123	+6	2.2	2.3	-
221	303	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
654	540	Watmough	654	+2	11.5	2.2	25.7
6½	4½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	22.4
20	12	Whitney Mck	20	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	69	+2	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	62 †	+1	3.5	7.1	53.5
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
73	54	Asda	71	...	2.1	3.8	-
139	88	Avonside	128	-3	4.0	3.9	-
2637½	2062½	BCE	2212½	-75	...	...	...
535	396	Bilton	530 †	...	18.9	4.5	-
26	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.2	...
178	150	Bradford	178	...	4.4	3.1	16.2
23	12	Bredero	16	...	...	...	1.5
277	176	Br Land	253	+2	6.3	3.1	23.3
198	151	Brixton	183	+1	8.1	5.5	14.0
57	45	Burford	54	...	1.1	2.7	-
143	99	Cap & Regnl	143	+2	...	1.0	-
125	120	Cardiff Prop	125	...	2.4	2.4	...
260	196	Chesterfield	254	...	18.5	...	17.9
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
14	10	Clayform	11½	+1	...	...	...
1048	818	Daejan	1048	+5	25.0	3.0	16.4
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	71	+1	2.5	4.4	25.8
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
91	76	Dencora	91	...	3.0	4.3	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	403 †	...	8.6	2.7	-
225	170	Estates Agency	200	...	3.0	1.9	18.3
27	7½	Estates Gen	14	-½	...	...	...
88	72	Etonbrook	77	-2	2.7	4.6	8.2
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	4.1	3.8	13.2
24	11	Five Oaks	23½	...	...	...	...
54	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	386	...	15.0	4.9	21.8
140	97	Grainger	138	...	5.2	4.8	30.8
170	120	Gr Portland	167	+4	10.0	7.5	16.6
21	7½	Greycoat	18½	+1	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	110	-4	...	5.9	-
70	35	Hambro Cntyw	70	+1	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	321	+5	10.0	4.0	-
382	245	-do- 'A'	296	-4	...	4.4	...
197	127	Helical Bar	180	...	...	3.3	...
26	19	Hemingway	23	...	...	...	...
132	63	Herring Baker	64	...	7.0	13.7	...
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.4	...
530	435	Land Sec	525	+1	21.7	5.2	15.9
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	89	...	3.8	5.3	14.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
418	324	MEPC	376	+10	20.0	6.6	15.8
6½	5	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	104	-2	6.7	...	17.1
7½	3	Markheath	4½	-½	0.5	...	...
35	12	Merivale Mre	35	...	1.0	3.6	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
35	30	Moorfield Est	30	...	...	...	...
860	775	Mountview	850	...	18.0	2.7	8.7
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	135	...	5.9	5.6	18.6
40	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	...
10½	5½	Ossory Est	7½	+½	0.1	2.6	2.1
201	138	Peel	179	...	3.0	2.1	...
16	8	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.3
122	88	Prop Security	120½	+11½	3.7	3.9	24.0
39	26	Property Trust	28	...	...	...	...
2	1½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
25	11	Regalian	25	+1	1.5	7.5	4.9
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	110	...	1.3	1.5	23.4
33	16	St Modwen Prp	31½	-½	0.6	2.4	24.0
55	39	Savills	55	+4	...	...	...
60	34	Scot Met	58	+2	1.5	...	...
74	39	Shaftesbury	74	+1	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	0.5	1.8	...
198	139½	Slough Estates	171 †	+3½	...	5.9	-
74	56	Southend Prop	68	...	4.1	7.7	34.3
16	7	Speyhawk	12½	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps	25	-1	...	...	...
156	114	Tops Ests	156	+2	2.0	1.6	39.6
100	79	Town Centre	98	...	3.1	4.0	18.3
65	43	Trafford Park	59	...	2.5	5.5	15.9
38	8	UK Land	22	+1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
217	180	Warner	215	-1	10.5	6.3	19.0
199	168	Warnford	192	...	7.2	4.7	13.3
8	5½	Waterglade	7	+½	...	...	...
49	35	Wates	44	...	0.7	2.2	...
70	40	Wood John D	69	+6	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
17	11	Automagica	17	...	...	2.7	-
120	86	Headlam	120 †	...	13.0	4.2	-
500	330	Lambert	385	...	...	...	...
100	80	Pittard Garnar	81	+1	2.0	3.1	23.1
27	20	Strong & Fisher	23 †	...	1.0	5.4	6.4
150	89	Stylo	131	...	3.0	2.9	-

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
495	408	Allied Text	464	...	12.6	3.4	14.9
69	54	Beckman (A)	54 †	...	4.7	...	10.7
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	-
153	89	Celestion	143	...	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	337	+2	7.2	2.7	21.0
601	551	Courtauld Text	559	-4	13.6	3.0	15.3
53½	34½	Cupid	34	...	...	13.1	4.0
248½	221	Dawson	234	-1	9.0	4.8	22.8
30	22	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	30	...	0.5	3.1	...
85	65	Gaskell	83	...	4.2	7.1	...
186	156	Hicking Pnost	170	+1	3.4	2.5	14.4
59	45	Jerome (S)	58	...	...	...	...
328	249	Lamont	322	+2	12.0	4.8	-
425	353½	Leeds	422	...	...	3.2	20.4
42	15	Lister	37	-1	0.1	0.3	...
122	89	Lyles (S)	89	...	4.9	6.9	10.1
101	69	Parkland 'A'	101	+1	2.0	2.5	...
95½	82	Readicut	95½	...	3.4	4.6	18.4
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	85	...	5.1	7.6	14.9
58	44	Stirling Gp	58	...	1.6	3.6	21.2
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	45	...	...	...	...
415	252	Yorklyde	415	+7	10.4	3.2	-

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	848	BAT	849	-20	...	5.5	18.3
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	615	-21	10.2	2.1	14.1

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	384	+1	8.5	2.8	...
813	738	BAA	772	+2	14.5	2.3	13.6
311	260	Br Airways	283	-6	...	4.7	7.6
81	58	Clarkson (H)	58	...	1.5	3.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	425	-3	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
138	126	Graig	130	...	4.5	4.4	...
166	147	IOM Steam	158	...	...	6.3	8.3
35	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
79	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	336	...	7.5	2.8	21.5
210	181	Nall Express	196	...	...	4.8	-
284	238	NFC	261 †	...	6.5	3.1	19.8
302	244	Ocean Group	262 †	...	14.3	6.7	-
53	40	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.8
627	504	P & O Dfd	572	+5	...	6.7	18.4
137	127	P & O 5 1/2%	132	...	...	5.2	...
536	448	Powell Duffryn	535	...	22.0	5.3	21.4
138	117	Seacon	132	-1	...	4.8	8.3
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
45½	31½	TNT	45	...	...	...	...
765	634	Tibbet & Britn	720 †	...	11.8	2.0	-
382	325	Tiphook	329	-4	17.3	6.6	6.5
298	259	TDG	268	...	9.5	4.4	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	510	-5	19.3	4.7	9.3
652	547	Northumbrian	627	-3	20.5	4.1	6.5
533	449	North West	501	-3½	19.0	4.9	8.8
530	439	Severn Trent	499	-7	19.3	4.8	7.3
554	454	Sthrn Water	531	-3	19.5	4.7	9.2
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	40.2	3.8	8.5
569	467	South West	534	-5	21.7	5.1	8.1
563	468	Thames Water	522	-4	19.2	4.6	9.9
612	506	Welsh Water	583	-6	21.4	4.6	6.7
649	576	Wessex Water	625	-2	...	3.9	8.4
590	506	Yorkshire W	558	-3	19.5	4.4	9.1

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; – Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	114.00	121.90	+0.60	1.03
International	85.63	91.09	+0.03	.99
Dividend Gth	56.82	60.44	+0.66	4.65
Global Gth Sec	61.26	65.16	+0.06	2.66
Ethical Growth	65.05	69.20	+0.93	2.53
High Inc Equity	149.10	158.60	+2.00	3.02
Worldwide Bond	261.70	277.00	+1.30	4.36
Gilts Fixed Int	129.50	137.30	-0.50	5.09
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	41.27	43.59	-0.86	1.94
European	78.47	83.19	-0.64	...
European Inc	75.43	80.03	-0.96	1.88
Exempt	887.20	916.20	+10.30	1.35
Extra Inc	42.38	46.08	+0.72	5.46
F East Emerg Ec	80.83	87.21	...	0.74
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	373.60	399.30	+7.90	4.12
Equity Inc	210.00	224.40	+3.90	4.06
High Yield	230.50	246.30	-0.10	4.16
Balanced	637.00	680.90	+12.80	2.60
American Inc	45.25	48.37	-2.85	3.51
Wld Asset Val	37.90	40.51	-0.83	2.02
Japan	176.80	189.40	-7.40	0.01
Secs of Am	378.40	402.70	-25.90	0.45
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	310.30	330.20	+5.40	2.72
-do- Inc	219.80	233.90	+3.80	2.72
Higher Inc Acc	567.90	604.20	+12.00	3.65
-do- Inc	344.70	366.80	+7.30	3.65
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	174.00	183.70	-0.30	6.13
-do- Inc	91.18	96.30	-0.21	6.13
Nth America	239.10	254.40	-4.30	...
Far East	276.10	293.80	-7.10	0.20
Europe	215.90	229.70	-0.50	0.92
General Inc	417.90	444.60	+4.80	2.38
-do- Acc	458.40	487.70	+4.90	2.38
Brit Excell	63.00	67.03	+1.03	2.67
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.41	70.65	+1.72	4.86
Brit Fndmtls Acc	85.61	91.08	+2.24	4.86
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	105.30	112.60	+1.70	3.09
Euro Gth Inc	111.50	118.20	-1.40	1.00
Extra Inc	102.90	110.10	+1.70	5.37
General	238.60	255.20	+4.50	3.38
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.83	59.79	-0.41	8.66
Income	476.10	509.20	+7.00	4.89
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	84.66	90.09	-3.98	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	108.90	117.00	-2.00	...
Convertibles	52.45	56.09	+0.57	6.90
Eastern	175.80	189.30	+1.92	1.80
Equity Income	80.18	85.29	-0.64	6.30
European Gth	224.10	238.60	-3.60	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	147.90	157.90	-1.20	1.90
Exempt	81.71	83.87	+0.23	3.60
German Growth	54.96	58.62	-0.59	0.70
Global Growth	104.10	111.00	-2.20	...
Japan Growth	183.20	196.30	-4.50	...
Japan Sunrise	157.70	168.70	-2.60	...
Portfolio	114.70	122.80	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	204.40	218.90	+0.10	3.20
UK Growth	78.80	83.82	+1.99	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	81.67	87.34	+2.31	1.90
Select Managers	62.03	66.48	+0.40	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	103.44	110.63	+1.61	1.87
-do- Inc	94.04	100.57	+1.48	1.87
Global Bond	28.87	30.63	-0.25	5.00
High Yield Acc	52.27	55.90	+0.83	4.43
-do- Inc	37.94	40.58	+0.61	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	86.35	92.36	-0.42	1.35
-do- Inc	79.86	85.41	-0.39	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.26	60.17	-1.92	...
-do- Inc	55.21	59.05	-1.88	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.25	104.01	+0.21	1.07
-do- Inc	95.92	102.58	+0.20	1.07
Mngd P folio	33.98	36.34	-0.23	1.46
Pacific Growth	94.84	101.44	-0.33	0.59
Intl Spec Opps	85.09	91.01	-1.32	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	119.60	127.40	+1.00	3.29
Smaller Cos Acc	279.70	299.20	+6.80	...
Smaller Cos Inc	162.60	174.00	+4.00	1.24
High Inc	69.91	75.16	+0.39	6.97
Income	124.50	133.20	+1.90	4.13
Mngd P folio Inc	92.19	98.18	-0.86	2.02
-do- Acc	174.20	185.50	-1.60	...
North American	98.31	104.70	-2.60	0.21
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.82	65.77	-0.24	1.16
-do- Acc	69.70	74.15	-0.26	1.16
Income Fund 5	210.10	223.60	+2.50	4.02
-do- Acc	488.90	520.20	+5.70	4.02
Inv Portfolio	64.64	69.06	+0.36	2.03
-do- Acc	75.25	77.98	+0.39	2.03
Smaller Cos	124.50	132.50	+3.50	1.88
-do- Acc	149.50	159.10	+4.10	1.88
High Inc P folio	60.12	62.31	-0.85	4.71
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	134.20	142.80	+2.00	1.66
UK Growth	145.80	155.20	+1.80	2.04
UK Income	121.50	129.30	+1.90	4.19
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	80.73	86.34	+0.95	1.08
Growth	44.31	47.39	+0.79	3.02
Income	53.34	57.05	+1.16	4.26
Far East	45.90	49.09	-0.62	0.16
North American	76.10	81.39	-2.28	0.01
Global	79.68	85.22	-1.03	0.78
European	67.20	71.97	-0.86	1.71
Japan	104.40	111.60	-2.40	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.23	60.77	+0.98	5.28
UK Cap Gwth	77.73	83.13	+2.10	2.16
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362 Capability Trusts				
American Gen	122.00	129.80	-3.60	0.15
-do- Acc	129.70	138.00	-3.80	0.15
European	64.50	68.42	-1.08	1.05
-do- Acc	66.86	70.92	-1.11	1.05
Far East Gen	60.24	64.09	-1.42	...
-do- Acc	60.24	64.09	-1.42	...
Glentriars	237.90	253.10	-2.60	0.97
-do- Acc	267.90	285.00	-2.80	0.97
Growth	374.00	400.70	+6.40	2.64
-do- Acc	641.30	686.90	+11.10	2.64
Income Growth	372.40	396.20	+6.60	4.05
-do- Acc	495.10	528.80	+8.80	4.05
Master Portfolio	9271.0	9600.0	+48.00	2.76
-do- Acc	10729.0	11111.0	+27.00	2.76
Special Sits	86.06	91.55	+1.69	2.53
-do- Acc	100.70	107.13	+1.74	2.53
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1210.0	1248.0	+22.00	4.48
-do- Acc	1401.0	1445.0	+26.00	4.48
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	181.00	192.80	-8.00	1.71
Capital	525.70	561.00	+6.20	2.58
Eurotrack 100	125.90	133.80	-1.90	1.55
Euro Gth	78.12	83.18	-1.59	1.39
Far East Growth	86.39	92.19	-1.07	0.14
Global Bond	23.05	24.29	-0.23	6.16
Hong Kong	73.39	78.32	+0.04	0.57
Income	496.30	529.60	+9.00	3.93
Intl Growth	71.06	75.83	-1.75	1.00
Japan Growth	249.10	265.81	-7.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	31.24	33.34	-0.79	...
Japan Index	72.81	77.70	-1.61	0.25
Nth American	402.80	429.80	-8.70	1.00
S pore Mly Gth	49.81	53.15	+0.24	...
The Fourth Fd	107.00	112.90	+1.40	2.61
Tiger Index	132.20	141.00	-1.80	0.71
UK Index	122.20	130.40	+2.00	2.99
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	79.05	84.42	-3.56	1.00
European P folio	70.81	75.29	-0.95	1.38
Japanese P folio	60.38	64.06	-1.42	...
Pacific P folio	93.82	100.89	-0.18	2.43
Cazenove P folio	69.12	73.93	+0.49	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.66	66.20	+1.07	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.75	50.38	+0.11	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	608.20	612.50	...	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	...	9.28
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	597.49	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2337.6	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	...	9.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.72	64.97	+0.20	2.32
Beckman Intl	81.12	85.62	+0.48	3.10
Friars Hse Inc	177.62	190.99	+1.03	6.10
Friars Hse Cap	246.36	264.90	-1.02	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	39.25	41.75	-0.98	...
Managed	61.02	64.91	-0.25	2.76
-do- Acc	73.68	78.39	-0.31	2.76
Smaller Cos	33.49	35.63	+0.81	1.89
-do- Acc	37.73	40.14	+0.91	1.89
UK General	68.81	73.20	+0.66	2.40
-do- Acc	82.49	87.76	+0.79	2.40
Wwide Bd	61.75	65.61	-0.35	6.14
-do- Acc	79.35	84.32	-0.52	6.14
Wwide Sp Sits	54.51	58.30	-0.96	0.20
-do- Acc	56.79	60.74	-1.00	0.20
Quilter General	120.07	127.73	+2.39	2.44
-do- Acc	133.41	141.93	+2.66	2.44
Quilter Income	93.23	99.18	+1.47	3.80
-do- Acc	114.90	122.23	+1.80	3.80
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	70.08	74.55	+2.42	1.80
-do- Acc	92.70	98.62	+3.22	1.80
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	76.82	81.72	+0.68	0.97
Japanese Acc	57.66	61.36	-1.39	...
UK Balned Inc	126.10	134.10	+2.30	2.50
-do- Acc	147.10	156.50	+2.70	2.50
UK Growth Acc	206.50	219.70	+3.40	2.20
UK High Inc	134.90	143.50	+2.80	4.62
-do- Acc	159.30	169.50	+3.30	4.62
N America Acc	105.20	111.90	-3.90	0.15
European Acc	150.60	160.20	-1.20	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.03	63.69	-0.44	8.87
-do- Acc	96.88	102.80	-0.70	8.87
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	105.60	112.20	-5.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	190.10	202.00	+5.30	1.24
Eurofund	36.86	38.99	-0.68	1.03
Mngd Exempt	163.40	170.30	+1.20	3.08
Growth Inc	210.90	224.30	+3.50	4.02
High Dist	139.10	147.80	+3.70	5.85
International	314.70	334.40	-1.00	0.97
Intl Income	78.38	83.67	-1.29	3.11
Pacific	55.81	59.30	-0.77	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	63.42	67.38	-1.44	...
Tokyo	189.90	201.80	-5.30	...
Japan Exempt	108.40	111.30	-2.20	0.45
Sm Jap Exempt	533.50	548.10	-1.10	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	115.90	123.10	-4.90	0.23
Australia	6.919	7.351	-0.19	1.09
Equity	184.50	196.00	+3.60	4.35
Euro Spec Sits	138.70	146.50	-3.00	0.58
Financial	39.14	41.99	-0.02	2.41
Global Opps Inc	85.48	90.82	-2.11	2.22
-do- Acc	88.60	94.14	-2.19	2.22
Gold Gen Inc	41.39	43.98	-0.23	0.98
-do- Acc	79.91	84.90	+0.54	0.98
Income	119.90	127.40	+2.40	4.84
Japan General	145.80	154.90	-4.90	...
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	170.80	181.60	+0.90	1.11
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.32	108.76	+1.85	3.38
High Income	121.08	127.45	+2.67	4.79
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.60	148.00	+0.39	2.20
Special Sits	84.11	88.54	+2.38	2.85
North American	96.20	103.37	-5.36	1.08
Far Eastern	226.27	238.18	-5.62	1.32
Intl Growth	89.81	94.54	-1.25	1.50
European	62.24	65.52	-0.94	2.21
Smaller Cos	70.02	73.71	+1.47	2.21
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 229 707				
United Charities	218.10	231.90	...	3.47
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	..	5.40
European Tst	114.10	121.40	+1.70	...
High Income	24.66	25.85	+0.02	5.78
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	90.38	95.73	-1.60	0.90
Far Eastern	129.30	138.20	-2.40	...
Oseas Income	86.01	92.26	-1.63	2.85
UK Growth	91.58	97.95	+0.93	1.39
UK Income	101.70	108.80	+2.80	3.82
US Smaller Cos	228.20	244.10	-5.30	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	394.10	421.40	-7.60	...
-do- Acc	402.60	430.50	-7.80	...
Capital	283.40	301.40	+5.10	1.92
-do- Acc	394.70	419.80	+7.10	1.92
Cond Smllr Cos	46.66	50.42	-0.13	0.97
-do- Acc	48.49	52.16	-0.15	0.97
Convertible	111.50	118.60	+2.60	6.57
-do- Acc	206.50	219.60	+4.80	6.57
European	95.13	101.70	-1.20	0.96
-do- Acc	98.30	105.10	-1.20	0.96
Extra Income	288.30	306.60	+5.00	4.05
-do- Acc	403.60	429.30	+6.90	4.05
Financial	[illegible]	109.60	-1.40	0.67
-do- Acc	106.80	114.80	-1.50	0.67
Health Fund Inc	102.90	109.90	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	102.90	109.90	+2.30	...
Income Tst	178.00	189.30	+3.10	3.67
-do- Acc	248.10	263.90	+4.40	3.67
Intl Growth	295.70	316.00	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	328.40	350.90	-2.30	...
Japan Gen	163.00	174.30	-3.60	...
-do- Acc	164.60	176.00	-3.70	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.30	92.94	+0.38	1.04
-do- Acc	92.55	97.42	+0.39	1.04
Monthly Income	147.40	156.70	+3.90	4.14
Recovery	279.10	298.40	+1.30	0.73
-do- Acc	326.80	349.40	+1.40	0.73
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	346.84	368.98	+5.03	2.85
-do- Acc	700.30	745.00	+10.15	2.85
Euro Gth Dist	103.27	109.86	-1.09	0.83
-do- Acc	106.34	113.13	-1.11	0.83
Fixed Int Dist	129.36	136.83	-1.10	6.40
-do- Acc	217.32	229.87	-1.86	6.40
Intl Gth Dist	74.03	78.76	-1.09	0.81
-do- Acc	76.57	81.46	-1.14	0.81
Nth Amer Dist	159.34	168.81	-5.82	0.83
-do- Acc	172.80	183.07	-6.31	0.83
Pac Basin Dist	232.00	246.81	-2.98	0.30
-do- Acc	235.66	250.70	-3.03	0.30
Stewardship Dist	296.72	315.66	+4.46	1.91
-do- Acc	351.04	373.45	+5.27	1.91
Stwd Inc Dist	62.35	66.33	+1.19	3.49
-do- Acc	76.40	81.28	+1.47	3.49
N Am Stwd Dist	91.10	96.91	-2.97	...
-do- Acc	96.37	102.52	-3.14	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	131.20	140.40	-0.50	...
European	391.00	415.90	-1.90	1.02
Far East General	212.40	227.20	+0.10	0.32
Germany	97.40	103.00	-1.30	0.44
Global Assets In	65.90	70.35	-0.08	2.30
Global Assets Ac	69.05	73.71	-0.08	2.27
Income Inc	115.00	123.00	+1.70	7.15
International	254.30	271.70	-0.10	1.03
Intl Income	76.83	81.69	-0.25	4.88
Japan General	350.80	373.20	-5.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.82	49.01	+0.74	6.20
UK Capital Inc	157.80	168.80	+3.70	3.98
-do- Acc	270.00	288.80	+6.50	3.88
Uk Spec Sits	71.66	76.65	+0.52	1.66
US General	109.20	116.30	-2.90	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	111.80	119.60	+0.50	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.90	46.95	+1.20	1.64
Cash Trust	128.23	128.23	+0.10	5.00
Pract Inv Inc	100.66	107.95	+0.38	4.03
-do- Acc	216.11	231.75	+0.81	4.03
UK Smaller Cos	95.87	102.61	-0.93	1.24
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.76	26.48	-0.31	8.01
High Inc	31.21	33.38	+0.41	5.00
UK Equity Inc	127.13	135.97	-1.03	3.91
Global Bond	28.87	29.91	-0.19	5.78
International Funds				
Gold Intl	67.78	72.69	+0.95	1.35
Frontier Markets	39.59	42.46	+0.10	0.42
Global Inc Gth	115.01	122.76	-1.35	2.26
UK Intl	110.02	117.67	+1.63	0.55
Overseas Funds				
American	121.44	129.48	-4.08	0.50
European	79.59	84.39	-0.72	0.69
Euro Sel Opps	91.68	97.66	-0.65	0.85
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979				
Intl Growth	122.03	130.52	-0.63	0.37
American Gth	114.47	122.42	-2.26	...
European Gth	66.70	71.31	-0.96	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	73.52	78.63	-1.42	...
Pacific Inc	133.73	143.02	+1.11	2.85
Pacific Strategy	112.13	119.92	+3.03	0.25
UK Prog Inc	73.69	77.77	+0.01	4.61
Gt British Cos	48.51	51.10	+0.49	2.70
UK Small Cos	43.87	46.92	+0.93	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 34 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.80	130.80	+0.10	5.21
Gilt Fixed	118.70	125.90	-1.40	6.55
Growth Equity	286.10	305.60	+6.20	2.07
Guardhill	420.00	448.70	+4.60	2.34
Income Trust	108.80	116.20	+2.00	3.37
International	150.70	161.00	-2.90	0.37
Japan Trust	117.40	125.40	-2.50	...
Nth American	239.10	255.40	-10.40	0.48
Pacific	359.10	383.70	-3.50	...
European	335.70	358.60	+0.50	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.59	36.67	+0.23	1.78
-do- Acc	36.20	38.38	+0.24	1.78
Inc Adv Inc	29.33	31.09	+0.25	4.18
-do- Acc	30.48	32.31	+0.25	4.18
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	71.02	76.08	+0.73	0.93
Equity Income	112.70	119.90	+1.30	3.36
European	128.90	137.30	-1.10	0.88
Intl Situation	72.47	77.10	-1.07	...
Japanese	135.60	143.90	-3.30	...
North American	94.37	100.10	-1.50	...
Scandinavian	106.20	112.30	+1.40	0.45
Smaller Cos	29.11	30.97	+0.50	2.07
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	84.21	90.05	-1.35	...
Asian Enterprise	121.39	131.10	+2.18	0.03
Australian	131.59	140.66	-1.86	1.53
European	350.89	377.88	-5.28	1.24
European Inc	68.05	72.02	-0.72	3.42
Euro Sml Co	120.04	127.92	-0.85	0.72
Extra Income	255.67	272.17	+3.76	4.57
Family of Funds	68.60	73.23	+0.63	1.30
Fixed Interest	54.89	58.70	-0.23	8.68
Global Resour	89.65	96.23	-2.17	1.02
High Inc	280.38	299.72	+0.27	4.19
Income Gth	235.34	250.62	+4.53	3.33
-do- Acc	592.22	630.70	+11.40	3.33
International	219.31	233.34	-2.70	0.97
Japan Spc Sit	219.05	232.99	-4.81	...
Japan	188.74	200.54	-4.31	...
N Amer	208.81	222.33	-7.65	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	171.07	184.36	-1.60	0.62
Pref Gilt	44.94	48.84	-0.59	8.29
Smaller Cos Div	158.77	173.05	+2.63	3.96
Special Sits	255.65	273.54	+8.81	1.92
-do- Acc	393.93	421.50	+13.58	1.92
Best of British	54.92	58.64	+2.04	2.27
Spirit of the East	56.94	60.60	-0.23	0.54
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	87.32	93.39	+0.62	2.43
Capital	152.90	163.50	-0.90	2.00
Dollar	290.00	310.10	-4.40	0.07
European	188.90	202.00	-1.40	0.60
Far East	223.00	238.80	+1.90	0.53
Financial	665.80	712.00	+10.90	2.51
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.23	26.21	-0.57	8.41
High Yield	99.21	106.10	+0.70	4.76
Income	134.30	143.50	+1.40	3.68
Intl	205.10	219.30	-3.00	0.28
Japan Tech	65.09	69.61	-2.68	...
Nat Resources	54.40	58.18	-0.38	0.74
Security	292.00	312.20	+2.60	2.16
Smaller Cos	106.40	113.70	+2.70	1.53
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.37	25.62	+0.57	1.62
Special Features	26.55	28.20	+0.55	1.45
-do- Acc	31.39	33.35	+0.65	1.45
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.38	56.13	+0.97	1.91
Assets Earnings	69.82	74.18	+0.94	1.85
do Acc	82.05	87.17	+1.10	1.85
Managed Invest	83.34	89.08	-0.46	1.22
Expert Children	74.61	79.57	-0.67	1.66
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.41	50.41	+0.03	4.50
Extra Inc	77.96	83.53	+0.77	4.53
Gilt	27.67	29.12	-0.13	6.63
Income Gth	38.03	40.68	+0.56	3.54
MIMstar	74.46	76.23	-0.46	7.96
Preference	17.72	19.40	+0.06	6.15
UK Income	303.60	324.50	+5.40	3.05
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.02	58.45	-0.17	1.31
Property Shares	59.34	63.04	+0.98	2.13
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	142.90	150.20	+3.10	3.51
European Acc	106.50	113.10	-2.00	1.77
European Dist	101.40	107.70	-1.90	1.79
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.58	49.57	-1.14	1.03
European Perf	105.00	111.50	-1.40	1.09
-do- Acc	106.90	113.60	-1.40	1.09
Euro Small Cos	20.57	21.90	-0.08	0.74
French Growth	64.93	69.27	-2.42	0.42
-do- Acc	69.37	74.00	-2.59	0.41
Hong K/China	65.38	70.24	-0.43	1.75
Intl Growth	48.57	51.60	-1.06	0.77
-do- Acc	48.57	51.60	-1.06	0.77
Japan Perf	32.30	34.31	-1.02	...
Accum Units	32.30	34.31	-1.02	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.33	35.43	-1.20	...
Singapore Asean	73.16	79.34	+1.35	0.42
-do- Acc	73.62	79.83	+1.35	0.42
South East Asia	214.50	231.50	+4.00	1.05
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.15	69.49	+0.05	5.03
Extra Income	50.83	54.07	+0.59	6.77
Gilt Yield	118.00	124.50	-0.20	7.40
Global Income	193.90	206.30	-1.20	4.25
High Yield	131.70	140.10	+4.50	5.90
Smllr Cos Div	46.17	49.12	+0.71	4.44
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	85.47	90.93	-3.40	...
North American	70.70	75.21	-2.89	0.43
European	125.90	133.90	-1.80	0.87
Euro Special	76.32	81.19	-0.40	0.95
General	260.60	277.20	+4.10	3.22
Japan	384.00	408.50	-7.80	...
Japanese Special	207.50	220.70	-3.30	...
Master Acc	209.30	222.70	-0.20	1.39
Pacific	250.10	266.10	-3.90	0.61
Smaller Cos	95.50	101.60	+1.63	2.07
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.89	76.48	-1.01	0.95
Extra Income	23.64	25.15	+0.33	3.27
Far East	25.50	27.13	-0.41	0.98
Income Gwth	71.84	76.43	+0.36	2.92
Intl Growth	49.33	52.69	-0.74	0.82
Japan	61.02	64.91	-1.04	...
Maximum Dist	99.22	101.20	-0.20	6.95
N Amer Equity	36.46	38.79	-1.49	0.50
UK Equity	85.39	90.84	+1.93	2.94
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.09	56.48	+1.45	4.43
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.00	444.70	+6.20	2.91
Equity Acc	793.50	844.20	+11.80	2.91
Equity Income	89.78	95.51	+0.39	5.17
European	92.31	98.20	-1.19	1.74
Far Eastern	172.10	183.10	+0.10	0.32
Fixed Interest	50.92	54.17	-0.23	6.44
Gilt	89.00	94.41	-0.88	6.51
Global Growth	63.13	67.16	-0.81	0.77
Intl Bond	54.77	58.27	-0.49	4.87
Japanese	64.97	69.12	-1.39	...
Overseas Equity	91.36	97.40	-1.42	0.81
Pacific Gth	81.50	86.80	+1.16	1.29
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	312.40	332.40	+3.50	2.78
-do- Acc	676.60	719.80	+7.60	2.78
Contl Euro Gth	49.53	52.14	-0.63	1.48
-do- Acc	52.37	55.13	-0.67	1.48
Extra Inc	238.10	253.40	+3.00	3.64
-do- Acc	579.20	616.20	+7.20	3.64
German Gth	99.43	104.70	-1.30	0.31
-do- Acc	104.30	109.80	-1.40	0.31
Growth Port	478.40	509.00	+2.90	1.41
-do- Acc	478.40	509.00	+2.90	1.41
Income	439.10	467.20	+4.80	3.48
-do- Acc	1127.0	1199.0	+12.00	3.48
Income Port	481.00	510.90	-1.30	5.50
-do- Acc	485.60	515.90	+3.70	5.50
Japan Growth	89.87	95.40	-1.89	0.01
-do- Acc	89.99	95.74	-1.89	0.01
Master Trust	50.73	53.97	+0.24	1.51
-do- Acc	55.17	58.70	+0.26	1.51
N American Gen	168.40	179.20	-7.40	0.01
-do- Acc	194.90	207.00	-8.60	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	123.10	131.00	-0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	125.60	133.70	-0.90	0.01
Pacific Basin	195.80	208.30	+0.40	0.59
-do- Acc	206.90	220.20	+0.50	0.59
Small Cos Rec	295.70	311.30	+4.60	2.36
-do- Acc	381.40	401.50	+6.00	2.36
UK Growth	77.73	82.70	+2.34	2.18
-do- Acc	90.64	96.43	+2.73	2.18
Worldwide Gth	264.00	280.90	-3.80	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	76.91	82.55	+1.07	3.00
Income	58.85	63.14	+1.18	3.80
International	54.50	58.48	-0.76	0.80
American	55.85	59.93	-1.73	0.40
Japan	50.03	53.68	-1.01	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.85	57.78	+0.38	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	363.90	384.20	-10.80	0.83
-do- Acc	449.00	474.10	-13.30	0.83
American Rec	388.80	411.20	-10.20	0.19
-do- Acc	445.40	471.20	-10.90	0.19
Am Sm Co Acc	108.80	114.90	-3.50	0.02
Australia Acc	142.80	151.10	-0.40	1.36
Capital	642.00	678.90	+10.90	2.65
-do- Acc	708.40	749.10	+12.10	2.65
Commodity Acc	400.80	423.80	+1.30	0.87
Compnd Gth	807.10	853.50	+14.70	2.82
Dividend	34.90	36.90	+1.00	4.20
-do- Acc	133.70	143.67	+3.90	4.20
Equity Inc	286.40	302.90	+7.00	4.90
European Div	57.70	61.00	+0.40	4.31
-do- Acc	65.20	68.90	+0.40	4.31
European Gen	373.10	394.60	-2.90	1.66
-do- Acc	466.10	493.00	-3.60	1.66
Extra Yield	370.20	391.50	+15.10	4.30
-do- Acc	1082.4	1144.8	+44.10	4.30
Far Eastern	276.90	292.80	+1.20	0.98
-do- Acc	364.30	385.20	+1.60	0.98
Fund of Inv	486.60	514.60	+2.60	2.25
-do- Acc	878.10	928.60	+4.70	2.25
General	52.70	55.70	+0.90	3.58
-do- Acc	138.80	146.80	+2.40	3.58
Gilt Fxd Int	61.60	61.70	-0.50	7.95
do Acc	152.30	152.40	-1.30	7.95
Gold	42.60	45.10	+1.20	1.38
-do- Acc	49.80	52.80	+1.50	1.38
High Inc	24.50	25.90	+0.60	4.61
-do- Acc	90.70	96.10	+2.30	4.61
Intl Growth	65.70	69.60	-0.70	0.91
-do- Acc	113.20	120.10	-1.20	0.91
Intl Inc	88.70	93.80	-1.30	4.67
Japan Gen Acc	46.50	49.20	-1.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	138.00	146.00	-1.90	...
Midland	51.90	54.80	+1.00	3.66
-do- Acc	166.10	175.70	+5.20	3.66
Recovery	35.70	37.80	+1.00	2.84
-do- Acc	58.10	59.40	+1.60	2.84
Second Gen	59.40	62.80	+0.90	3.64
-do- Acc	145.30	153.60	+2.20	3.64
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680044				
Inv Port Inc	132.90	142.10	+0.90	2.09
-do- Acc	147.60	157.80	+0.60	2.09
UK Income	112.00	119.80	+2.60	2.74
-do- Acc	124.90	133.60	+2.00	2.74
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	74.74	79.93	-0.03	0.64
Far East (Pacific)	129.60	137.50	-1.40	0.69
Income Growth	71.41	75.60	+1.06	4.17
European	64.86	68.85	-0.99	1.35
Nth American	54.43	57.78	-2.15	1.15
UK Growth	74.92	79.53	+0.67	1.62
Intl Growth	88.40	93.93	-0.94	0.59
Charities	108.40	115.00	+1.30	4.05
Intl Income	66.49	70.79	+0.43	4.82
Japan	49.46	52.49	-1.35	0.06
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	178.30	189.30	-6.60	...
-do- Acc	190.60	202.30	-7.10	...
Cash	101.20	101.20	+0.10	3.57
-do- Acc	128.80	128.80	+0.10	5.56
European Gth	186.30	197.70	-2.10	0.81
-do- Acc	199.50	211.60	-2.20	0.61
General	452.80	483.00	+7.90	2.51
-do- Acc	861.20	918.70	+14.00	2.51
Global Dist	129.20	135.70	-1.30	5.38
-do- Acc	144.50	151.90	-1.40	5.38
Income	136.20	145.10	+2.70	4.70
-do- Acc	199.30	212.30	+3.90	4.70
International	368.60	392.90	-4.10	0.71
-do- Acc	498.90	521.00	-5.30	0.71
Japan	169.40	179.70	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	173.90	184.40	-1.70	...
New Europe	132.10	141.00	+1.40	1.84
-do- Acc	134.30	143.30	+1.40	1.84
Recovery	286.50	305.70	+2.30	2.93
-do- Acc	362.40	386.60	+7.50	2.93
European Inc	72.03	76.47	-0.85	3.19
-do- Acc	91.37	97.00	-1.07	3.19
Brit Blue Chip	71.10	75.71	+0.90	3.33
-do- Acc	83.85	89.25	+1.16	3.33
Portfolio	72.04	76.57	-0.25	2.96
-do- Acc	81.91	87.07	+0.39	2.96
Gold General	81.59	87.74	+7.77	1.07
-do- Acc	82.72	88.95	+7.88	1.07
Pacific	88.76	92.55	-0.61	0.90
-do- Acc	91.71	97.83	-0.64	0.90
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.07	59.97	+0.09	3.33
-do- Acc	56.91	60.87	+0.09	3.33
British Dist	75.66	80.91	-0.92	2.41
-do- Acc	85.64	91.59	+1.06	2.41
European Gth	161.70	172.60	-3.50	0.16
-do- Acc	203.00	216.70	-4.30	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.96	71.62	+0.51	6.70
-do- Acc	117.80	126.00	+0.90	6.70
FT-SE 100 Index	47.71	51.03	+0.55	2.93
-do- Acc	47.71	51.03	+0.55	2.93
Gilt Fixed Int	55.59	57.87	-0.26	7.11
-do- Acc	146.20	152.20	-0.70	7.11
High Yield	215.40	230.40	+2.30	5.09
-do- Acc	494.40	528.80	+5.30	5.09
Income	274.00	293.10	+4.90	3.80
-do- Acc	569.70	609.30	+10.10	3.80
Japan Gth	316.60	338.60	-6.30	...
-do- Acc	334.20	357.40	-6.70	...
Mandarin Acc	92.63	99.07	-0.29	1.65
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	242.20	258.00	-7.10	...
Deposit Inc	100.05	100.05	+0.07	5.62
Deposit Acc	122.00	122.00	+0.08	5.62
Euro Gth Acc	257.30	273.30	+0.70	...
Europa	117.50	126.90	-1.40	...
Intl Gth	160.10	170.90	-3.50	...
Japan Tracker	70.88	75.09	-1.18	...
UK Equity Inc	143.30	154.30	+3.50	4.26
-do- Acc	175.50	189.10	+4.30	4.26
UK Ind Tracker	140.40	150.33	+1.90	3.22
US Eq Ind Trkr	179.60	180.50	-7.00	1.53
-do- Acc	190.00	201.50	-7.40	1.53
Asian Trader	145.50	157.80	-0.60	0.50
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	155.60	159.10	-6.90	2.51
European	59.30	60.61	-0.06	1.20
Olympiad	51.44	52.94	-0.20	0.41
Global Bond	47.20	47.73	-0.33	6.62
Smaller Cos	63.72	68.47	+1.37	1.26
Equity Income	91.93	94.40	+1.77	5.10
UK Growth	81.45	83.83	+1.15	1.84
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	43.95	46.88	-1.99	0.86
Australian Acc	287.50	308.40	-5.00	...
Conscience	62.83	67.05	+2.05	1.06
-do- Acc	67.46	71.99	+2.19	1.06
European	160.50	171.20	-3.40	1.13
-do- Acc	172.60	184.10	-3.80	1.13
Extra Income	71.66	76.47	+0.67	5.81
-do- Acc	108.40	115.60	+0.90	5.81
Far East Gth	151.30	161.70	-2.00	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.56	60.92	-0.12	6.50
Gold	32.89	35.25	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	35.41	38.07	+0.75	...
Income	51.49	54.82	+0.66	5.12
-do- Acc	154.40	164.40	+2.50	5.12
International	27.61	29.62	-0.69	1.15
-do- Acc	39.67	42.55	-0.99	1.15
Jap Sm Cos Acc	298.20	318	-9.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	161	172.60	+3.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.40	26.23	+0.47	1.83
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.85	71.12	+0.91	2.93
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	74.09	78.41	+0.60	7.41
N&P Higher Inc	189.50	201.70	+5.20	4.93
N&P UK Income	100.34	106.75	+1.89	4.07
N&P Intl	84.39	89.78	+0.35	1.97
N&P Smaller Cos	73.64	78.35	+1.90	1.66
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	155.74	165.69	+0.79	2.33
Global	267.15	284.21	-1.32	1.14
Growth	103.61	110.23	+1.88	2.55
Income	195.18	207.64	+1.95	4.40
Intl Bond	123.08	130.50	-2.35	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.80	144.10	-2.20	2.51
-do- Acc	237.10	249.30	+3.80	2.51
Income	213.00	226.60	+2.80	3.57
Intl Equity	211.80	225.20	-3.60	0.98
-do- Acc	231.80	246.60	-3.90	0.98
Equity	214.40	228.00	+3.20	2.37
-do- Acc	434.60	462.30	+6.50	2.37
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.44	71.74	+0.39	1.94
UK Income	59.19	62.96	+0.95	3.01
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.25	74.73	+1.57	1.53
New Europe Acc	58.97	62.73	-0.93	1.42
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	85.10	91.02	-0.37	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	94.86	101.46	-0.40	1.14
Intl Gth	448.92	480.13	-11.29	0.69
Income	288.60	308.67	+7.40	3.46
W wide Recov	283.40	303.11	-2.88	0.58
American Gth	186.26	199.21	-10.43	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	172.16	184.13	-0.20	0.15
Far East Gth	198.94	212.78	-2.70	0.01
European Gth	108.64	116.20	-1.19	1.09
UK Growth	74.16	79.32	+1.68	3.08
High Income	80.27	85.86	+1.34	4.50
Japanese Gth	196.45	209.02	-3.95	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	165.10	175.70	-1.70	0.91
High Income	105.10	111.80	+1.70	3.57
Conv Gth	108.30	115.20	+0.90	6.42
Far East	287.50	305.80	+1.20	0.39
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.25	49.20	-1.21	0.60
Emerging Mkts	60.79	64.67	+2.00	0.23
General	46.72	49.70	+0.52	3.45
International	80.39	85.52	-0.87	1.33
Gilt Units	26.18	26.99	-0.12	8.14
Global PEP	33.98	36.15	-0.24	2.16
Income Gth	63.52	67.57	+1.46	5.21
European	41.29	43.93	-0.55	1.21
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.43	27.05	+0.11	6.16
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	29.63	31.50	-0.15	1.63
Pru Cah Hvn Inc	101.65	101.65	-0.08	5.29
-do- Acc	104.72	104.72	+0.08	5.29
Pru Equity	643.72	688.47	+8.93	2.46
Pru Equity Inc	79.20	84.70	+1.49	4.54
Pru European	165.41	176.90	-3.04	1.90
Pru Global Gth	76.43	81.74	-0.32	1.57
Pru High Inc	85.29	91.21	+1.72	5.63
Pru Intl	152.49	163.09	-3.46	1.33
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.24	68.70	-1.43	0.94
Pru Japanese	184.36	197.17	-5.52	...
Pru Nth Amer	134.81	144.18	-5.54	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.32	75.20	-0.12	1.87
Pru Premr Inc	48.60	50.61	-0.41	7.36
Pru Smllr Cos	80.50	86.09	+0.89	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	96.32	103.01	+0.93	2.25
Pru UK Growth	107.55	115.02	+1.11	2.36
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	151.69	163.19	+1.19	3.63
NC Japan	253.86	272.01	-3.63	...
NC Maj UK Cos	92.21	99.21	+0.77	2.43
NC America Inc	445.61	478.41	-19.71	0.89
-do- Acc	517.64	555.67	-22.90	0.89
NC Smlr UK Cos	250.77	273.75	+2.67	1.55
NC European	244.29	260.79	-3.21	1.34
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	68.90	73.29	-2.78	3.98
Capital Units	139.10	147.90	+1.10	1.42
Commodity	93.60	99.57	+0.93	1.31
European Gth	145.70	155.00	-1.20	1.41
Financial Sec	167.60	178.20	+0.70	1.89
High Return	210.40	223.80	+4.00	4.56
High Yield	200.80	213.60	+2.50	3.78
Income Units	108.00	114.80	+1.60	4.79
Investment	166.70	177.30	+0.40	1.13
Japan Gth	140.30	149.20	-4.00	...
Japan Smaller	170.60	181.40	-5.90	...
Masterfund	44.36	47.19	-0.28	0.96
Scotbits	243.60	259.10	+1.30	1.62
Scotshares	247.80	263.60	+1.70	2.67
Scotyields	219.00	232.90	+3.80	4.00
Select Intl	123.20	131.00	-1.20	0.75
Smaller Cos	215.60	229.30	+3.10	4.19
Special Situation	107.60	114.40	+3.50	0.74
UK Equity	219.90	233.90	+2.90	2.86
US Growth	129.80	138.00	-5.00	0.35
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	220.35	234.93	-13.18	0.59
-do- Acc	237.94	253.80	-14.24	0.59
Australian	128.10	136.64	-3.54	0.87
-do- Acc	150.60	160.64	-4.16	0.87
UK Enterprise	204.38	218.00	+6.80	2.60
-do- Acc	236.10	251.83	+7.85	2.60
European Gth	58.50	62.40	-0.69	1.31
-do- Acc	60.56	64.59	-0.72	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	55.18	58.85	-0.42	0.34
-do- Acc	55.58	59.25	-0.42	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	65.37	69.72	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	66.42	70.84	-0.81	...
Fixed Interest	51.49	54.31	-0.09	8.70
-do- Acc	62.53	65.96	-0.11	8.70
Gilt Income	101.82	107.31	...	8.55
-do- Acc	142.21	149.88	+0.01	8.55
Income	301.72	321.83	+8.94	4.04
-do- Acc	889.98	949.31	+26.22	4.04
Japan Enterprise	61.99	66.12	-1.39	...
-do- Acc	61.99	66.12	-1.39	...
Japan Smllr Cos	410.28	437.63	-9.35	...
-do- Acc	411.10	438.50	-9.37	...
Pacific Gth	87.25	93.06	+0.11	0.46
-do- Acc	89.84	95.82	+0.11	0.46
Smaller Cos	182.90	194.98	+3.30	1.05
-do- Acc	209.49	223.46	+3.79	1.05
Tokyo	97.96	104.49	-2.13	...
-do- Acc	98.95	105.55	-2.15	...
UK Equity	202.47	215.96	+4.57	2.73
-do- Acc	374.94	399.94	+8.47	2.73
US Smllr Cos	123.72	131.96	-5.72	...
-do- Acc	123.72	131.96	-5.72	...
World Fd	68.01	72.54	+0.19	1.68
-do- Acc	71.70	76.48	+0.20	1.68
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	43.62	46.45	+1.21	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.24	67.35	+1.38	1.80
European Opps	70.01	74.56	-0.37	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.53	101.08	+0.03	5.43
UK Smaller Cos	49.48	52.70	+1.32	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	339.00	362.20	+5.00	2.78
American	230.80	245.20	-8.70	0.94
Pacific	310.30	331.90	-3.70	0.71
European	440.40	471.00	-3.80	1.27
Worldwide	75.88	81.15	+0.19	1.27
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	298.20	317.30	+3.40	2.60
UK Sm Cos Eqty	195.60	208.10	+5.70	2.16
European	319.50	339.90	-3.80	2.10
North American	236.70	251.90	-7.80	0.55
Income Plus Inc	64.16	68.26	+0.69	3.69
UK Spec Sits	66.18	70.41	+1.78	2.40
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 553 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.96	26.71	+0.37	2.91
Intl Growth Acc	27.62	29.56	-0.07	1.40
Global Inc Acc	30.44	32.58	-0.01	3.77
Market Ldrs Acc	25.68	27.49	+0.34	2.88
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	78.06	83.48	-1.18	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.85	46.63	-0.31	...
-do- Acc	46.43	49.37	-0.33	...
Far East Opps	29.94	32.23	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	30.76	33.12	+0.52	...
General Growth	98.11	105.10	+2.10	2.01
Global Tech	107.60	116.30	-1.50	...
Income Growth	100.10	107.70	+2.40	3.47
Income Monthly	56.34	60.14	+0.79	4.27
Japan Growth	77.41	82.29	-0.86	...
Overseas Gth	72.79	77.52	-1.24	...
Smaller Cos	69.70	74.94	+0.90	1.66
Special Opps	98.99	106.40	+2.30	2.17
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	194.34	...	...	...
Global Bond	195.01	...	...	7.50
Japan Samurai	194.34	...	...	...
UK Growth	194.34	...	...	4.20
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.06	45.76	+0.30	1.83
Equity Gth Acc	58.21	61.85	+1.28	1.53
UK Eq General	41.60	44.20	+0.73	2.36
-do- Acc	55.00	58.44	+0.97	2.36
European Acc	40.01	42.52	-0.17	1.19
Far East Acc	52.68	55.98	-0.34	0.33
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.77	31.49	-0.38	6.73
N American Acc	40.92	43.48	-1.24	0.81
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	262.80	285.20	-3.80	1.54
UK Eq High Inc	34.79	36.97	+1.01	4.01
-do- Acc	41.31	43.90	+1.19	4.01
UK Lgr Cos Inc	286.80	311.20	+5.80	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Acc	373.40	405.20	+7.60	3.84
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.56	N253.79	0.00	1.16
US Eq	$2.081	$2.210	-0.03	0.79
Far East Eq	Y235.4	Y250.0	-7.10	...
Japan Eq	Y235.2	Y257.0	...	...
FT Europe	110.80	117.60	...	2.15
FT North Am	$1.702	$1.805	-0.02	1.08
FT Japan	Y229.6	Y243.9	-10.20	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.828	$1.941	+0.02	1.75
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	320.30	340.60	-13.90	0.32
British	918.10	971.30	+11.30	4.34
European	381.40	406.20	+3.30	1.46
Japan	134.60	143.00	-3.20	...
New Pacific	285.40	303.90	+4.10	1.29
Mngd Cash	95.58	95.58	+0.06	4.95
Majority Stg	99.75	100.75	+0.07	4.93
Inv Tst	180.20	191.00	+0.90	1.86
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Adams, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	714.90	764.60	+8.60	2.74
N America Acc	106.30	113.70	-2.70	0.26
Far East Acc	115.90	124.00	-0.70	...
W wide Bond	59.30	62.95	-0.58	5.53
European	79.62	85.16	-1.57	0.33
Equity Income	81.04	86.67	+1.15	3.60
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.16	34.40	-1.05	0.64
Managed Assets	115.32	123.34	+0.03	3.27
UK Income	36.03	38.54	+0.50	3.13
UK Growth	35.53	38.01	+0.52	2.39
Worldwide Gth	29.44	31.49	-0.66	0.46
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	192.37	204.57	-6.98	0.01
-do- Acc	211.21	224.69	-7.23	0.01
British Gth	83.05	88.35	+1.39	1.83
-do- Acc	97.71	103.95	+1.63	1.83
European	90.66	96.45	-0.88	0.83
-do- Acc	95.63	101.74	-0.92	0.83
Extra Inc	182.07	193.69	+2.95	3.82
-do- Acc	290.44	308.98	+4.70	3.82
General Unit	255.36	271.66	+3.42	2.47
-do- Acc	503.88	536.04	+6.75	2.47
Income	315.82	335.98	+6.94	3.43
-do- Acc	643.28	684.34	+14.14	3.43
International	461.09	490.53	-7.76	0.51
-do- Acc	603.58	642.11	-10.16	0.51
Pacific	321.63	342.16	-1.14	...
-do- Acc	336.84	358.34	-1.20	...
Premier Income	50.00	52.08	-0.93	6.59
-do- Acc	104.23	108.57	-0.30	6.59
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
European Opps	59.18	63.11	-0.80	0.47
-do- Acc	59.80	63.77	-0.80	0.47
Far East Opps	143.14	152.68	-0.05	...
-do- Acc	146.47	156.23	-0.05	...
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	13.78	14.65	+0.23	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.68	31.57	-0.47	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.13	37.37	-0.72	0.10
Global Bond	$0.980	$1.021	+0.00	7.29
Penny Share	21.17	22.52	+0.17	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.57	52.57	+0.04	5.83
Gilt Growth	65.84	68.31	-0.82	...
Gilt Income	51.63	53.72	-0.61	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	106.10	107.50	-0.70	...
US Govmt Bd	$0.715	$0.725	+0.00	...
Challenger	89.40	91.48	-1.52	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.63	70.86	+1.00	2.02

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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ASDA Gp	23,000	Carlton C	331	Land Secs	700	Scot Hydro	2,400
Abbey Natl	2,700	Coats Vyla	796	Legal & Gn	1,500	Scot & New	573
Alld-Lyons	2,900	Cm Union	290	Lloyds Bk	3,500	Scot Power	653
Anglian W	1,000	Courtaulds	389	MB Cardn	1,100	Sears	4,700
Argyll Gp	1,900	De La Rue	257	Marks Spr	3,600	Svrn Trent	1,100
Arjo Wig	962	Eng China	1,000	NFC	2,400	Shell Trans	2,500
AB Foods	202	Enterpr Oil	1,500	NatWst Bk	2,800	Siebe	611
BAA	687	Fisons	1,500	Nat Power	1,600	SmKl Bch	2,500
BAT Inds	2,700	Forte	1,400	Nth Wst W	893	Smith Nph	4,800
BOC	1,100	GRE	445	Nthrn Fds	2,200	Sthern Elec	865
BP	6,700	GUS A	380	P & O	1,400	Std Chartd	2,000
BT	7,600	Gen Acc	174	Pearson	1,000	Sun Allnce	592
BTR	3,200	Gen Elec	2,900	PowerGen	2,800	TI Gp	1,100
Bk of Scot	1,200	Glaxo	2,900	Prudential	3,900	TSB	6,700
Barclays	7,800	Granada	3,300	RTZ	1,400	Tate & Lyle	1,300
Bass	1,100	Grand Met	4,500	Rank Org	1,000	Tesco	2,600
Blue Circle	2,400	Guinness	593	Reckitt Col	538	Thames W	850
Boots	967	HSBC	4,100	Redland	2,200	Thm EMI	355
Bowater	449	Hanson	8,700	Reed Intl	378	Tomkins	3,300
Brit Airwys	2,100	ICI	4,800	Rentokil	725	Unilever	1,500
Brit Gas	9,200	Inchcape	899	Reuters	661	Utd Bisc	2,700
Brit Steel	7,000	Kingfisher	1,000	Rothmans	487	Vodafone	3,200
Burmah	36	Kwik Save	295	Ryl Ins	1,000	Wellcome	1,300
Cable Wire	1,900	LASMO	2,100	Ryl Bk Scot	5,000	Whitbd 'A'	1,600
Cadbury	991	Ladbroke	4,500	Sainsbury	2,100	Wilms Hld	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday): Dow Jones 3420.52 (-8.65); S&P Composite 438.31 (-1.15)

Tokyo: Nikkei Av'ge 19704.15 (+112.84)

Hong Kong: Hang Seng 6750.94 (-8.30)

Amsterdam: CBS Tendency 110.3 (-1.0)

Sydney: AO 1702.6 (-2.7)

Frankfurt: DAX 1657.10 (-9.64)

FT 30 share: 2240.5 (-21.8)

Brussels: General 6193.45 (-32.21)

Paris: CAC 527.50 (+2.82)

Zurich: SKA Gen 489.9 (-3.7)

London: FT A All-Share 1399.84 (-13.04); FT 500 1527.15 (-15.14); FT Gold Mines 121.4 (+1.5); FT Fixed Interest 111.62 (+0.02); FT Govt Secs 95.72 (+0.14); Bargains 29623; SEAQ Volume 701.2m; USM (Datastrm) 134.36 (+0.28)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 23/4/93: Avesco, Denistron, French Connection, Greycoat, Marshalls, McCarthy & Stone, NMC Wts, Ratners, Regalian, Tarmac, Vistec, Wace.
Puts: BM Group, Surge. Puts & Calls: BM Group pref, Greycoat, Ratners.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 42447)	Jun 93	2884.0	2884.0	2845.0	2848.0	15723
	Sep 93	2903.0	2903.0	2903.0	2872.0	2
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 303978)	Jun 93	93.93	93.93	93.81	93.86	15026
	Sep 93	93.90	93.90	93.75	93.83	21883
	Dec 93	93.80	93.80	93.67	93.74	11140
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 16949)	Jun 93	96.79	96.80	96.79	96.80	241
	Sep 93	96.69	96.69	96.68	96.69	176
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 528355)	Jun 93	92.83	92.83	92.66	92.67	36114
	Sep 93	93.66	93.66	93.46	93.48	38527
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest:)	Jun 93				111-31	0
	Sep 93				110-22	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 65661)	Jun 93	105-04	105-23	104-20	104-28	46119
	Sep 93				104-02	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	109.70	109.71	109.57	109.60	1099
	Sep 93				108.95	0
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 146983)	Jun 93	96.32	96.37	95.60	95.70	105417
	Sep 93	96.39	96.39	96.00	96.00	23
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 20025)	Jun 93	91.86	91.88	91.75	91.75	1393
	Sep 93	92.73	92.73	92.63	92.62	588
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 34103)	Jun 93	95.36	95.42	95.36	95.36	3995
	Sep 93	95.80	95.84	95.77	95.77	555
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 43527)	Jun 93	96.95	97.15	96.68	96.75	17847
	Sep 93	96.74	97.00	96.74	96.72	25

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.2 (day's range 80.7-81.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7903-2.8031	2.7958-2.7992	⅜-¼ds	⅞-1¼ds
Brussels	50.97-51.38	51.22-51.32	6-11ds	21-26ds
Copenhagen	9.5060-9.5760	9.5500-9.5650	3⅛-4⅛ds	9⅛-10⅞ds
Dublin	1.0176-1.0274	1.0253-1.0274	20-26ds	48-58ds
Frankfurt	2.4857-2.4980	2.4948-2.4980	⅜-¼ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	230.58-232.02	231.19-231.98	234-252ds	587-639ds
Madrid	181.74-184.83	183.44-184.20	124-132ds	349-395ds
Milan	2329.20-2347.70	2334.00-2340.30	9-11ds	28-31ds
Montreal	1.9688-1.9886	1.9865-1.9886	0.23-0.14pr	0.41-0.25pr
New York	1.5720-1.5770	1.5760-1.5770	0.36-0.35pr	1.10-1.07pr
Oslo	10.4970-10.5400	10.5190-10.5350	1⅜-2⅜ds	4½-6⅜ds
Paris	8.3780-8.4370	8.4230-8.4370	1⅜-2⅛ds	4½-5⅛ds
Stockholm	11.4180-11.4890	11.4180-11.4340	3⅛-4⅛ds	8⅛-10⅜ds
Tokyo	172.38-174.18	173.99-174.18	⅛-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.43-17.58	17.49-17.54	2⅛-3⅛ds	5⅜-7⅜ds
Zurich	2.2505-2.2599	2.2528-2.2559	¼pr-par	⅜-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5693-1.5720
Australia dollar	2.2030-2.2054
Bahrain dinar	0.5815-0.5935
Brazil cruzeiro*	47554.7-47587.3
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	8.5145-8.6305
Greece drachma	334.5-341.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.1484-12.1577
India rupee	48.36-49.32
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4645-0.4745
Malaysia ringgit	4.0343-4.0390
Mexico peso	4.77-4.87
New Zealand dollar	2.8913-2.8969
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7795-5.9055
Singapore dollar	2.5393-2.5424
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1594-7.3215
S Africa rand (com)	4.9612-4.9692
U A E dirham	5.6605-5.7845

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3993-1.4003
Austria	11.1400-11.1485
Belgium (Com)	32.59-32.62
Canada	1.2620-1.2625
Denmark	6.0826-6.0856
France	5.3450-5.3500
Germany	1.5827-1.5837
Hong Kong	7.7280-7.7290
Ireland	1.5408-1.5418
Italy	1487.55-1488.00
Japan	110.75-110.85
Malaysia	2.5660-2.5680
Netherlands	1.7795-1.7805
Norway	6.6932-6.6962
Portugal	147.38-147.48
Singapore	1.6153-1.6163
Spain	117.10-117.40
Sweden	7.27-7.28
Switzerland	1.4320-1.4330

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5$^{11}/_{16}$; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	
Sterling Money Rates	6-5⅞	6-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6⅛-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6⅛-6$^{1}/_{16}$	6⅛-6¼
Interbank	6-5⅞	6-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6$^{1}/_{16}$-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6⅛-6$^{1}/_{16}$	6¼-6⅛

Overnight: open 5⅞, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅞	n/a	5$^{15}/_{16}$	6	6⅛
Sterling CDs	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅛-6$^{1}/_{16}$
Dollar CDs	3.05-3.02	n/a	3.12-3.08	3.20-3.16	3.30-3.25
Building Society CDs	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	6-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛

TREASURY BILLS: Applctn: £526m allotted: £100m; Bids: £98.655% received: 69%; Last week: £98.68% received: 66%; Avge rate: £5.3887% last wk £5.2945%; Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3⅛-3$^{1}/_{16}$	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	8⅛-8⅛	7$^{15}/_{16}$-7$^{13}/_{16}$	7⅝-7½	6⅞-6¾	8⅛-7¾
French Franc	9⅛-9⅜	9⅛-8$^{15}/_{16}$	8$^{11}/_{16}$-8$^{9}/_{16}$	8⅛-8⅛	9⅜-8⅜
Swiss Franc	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	4$^{11}/_{16}$-4$^{9}/_{16}$	4$^{11}/_{16}$-4⅝	5⅛-4⅛
Yen	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $340.80-341.10 Close: $344.30-344.80 High: $345.50-346.00 Low: $339.00-339.50 Krugerrand: $343.50-345.50 (£217.75-219.50)
Sovereigns: Old $81.50-84.50 (£50.25-52.25) New $81.50-84.50 (£50.25-52.25)
Platinum: $371.50 (£236.05) Silver: $3.96 (£2.51) Palladium: $117.75 (£75.10)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	45	55	62	20	29	33
(*580)	600	19	32	42	46	53	60
ASDA	67	10½	13	-	4	7	-
(*71½)	76	6	9	-	9	12	-
Bass	550	26	41	48	26	33	45
(*545½)	600	10	21	28	63	67	77
Boots	460	50	62	67	10	16	21
(*492½)	500	26	38	44	26	32	39
Br Airways	280	20	28	32	18	22	26
(*283)	300	12	19	24	30	33	37
BP	280	24	30	37	10	15	18
(*290½)	300	14	20	27	20	25	28
Br Steel	90	11	14	17	7	9½	11
(*93)	100	6	9	12	12½	15	17
C & W	700	48	60	73	26	35	44
(*715½)	750	22	38	48	57	64	69
CU	580	55	62	-	13	22	-
(*615½)	629	25	34	-	34	43	-
Courtauld	550	30	45	53	26½	35½	42½
(*557½)	600	10½	24	32½	60	65½	71½
GKN	460	27	34	-	17	28	-
(*464½)	500	11	17	-	43	53	-
ICI	1250	73	90	113	51	77	88
(*1257½)	1300	49	67	90	77	105	118
Kingfshr	594	35	50	-	26	38	-
(*600½)	632	16	28	-	56	65	-
Land Sec	500	35	36	41	16	20	26
(*542½)	550	7	14	20	50	53	57
M & S	330	28	37	43	9	15	18
(*351)	360	11	21	28	24	28	32
Sainsbury	460	34	45	53	18	25	30
(*474½)	500	13	26	34	43	47	51
Shell	550	39	47	53	10	19	23
(*566½)	600	13	20	27	36	46	49
Smkl Bch	460	27	39	50	33	42	49
(*445½)	500	13	25	34	60	67	72
Storehse	200	17	22	28	14	21	25
(*202½)	220	7	15	19	29	33	37
Trafalgar	83	14	18	-	4½	7½	-
(*91½)	92	8	13	-	9	12	-
Unilever	1100	55	80	100	30	40	47
(*1115)	1150	32	55	73	55	65	70

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	52	55	63	8	14	20
(*425)	420	28	37	46	18	26	33
Ladbroke	160	23	29	33	8	14	17
(*169½)	180	13	18	24	20	26	31
Utd Bisc	360	37	47	55	13	23	26
(*398½)	390	21	29	39	27	35	41

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	33	44	63	9	30	37
(*771½)	800	7½	24	36	38	57	64
BAT Ind	850	28	59	73	21	39	61
(*847½)	900	10	37	50	52	72	94
BTR	600	18	37	49	8	19	31
(*612)	650	3½	16½	25	42	48	59
Br Aero	300	23	40	58	11	24	35
(*315)	330	10	26	43	23	40	53
Br Telecom	390	31	39½	43	2	11½	15½
(*417)	420	9	19½	26	11	25½	30
Cadbury	460	24	39	50	6	15	24
(*478½)	500	5	18	30	28	36	43
Guinness	460	28	44	54	6	15	24
(*476½)	500	7	23	34	27	36	44
GEC	300	21	27	32	3	10	14
(*317)	330	4½	10	15½	17	26	29
Hanson	240	6	12½	17	6	13	17½
(*236½)	260	1½	5½	10½	21	26	30
LASMO	140	12	20	25	5	11½	17
(*146)	160	3½	11	17	16½	23	28
Lucas	130	12	19	23	4	9	15
(*137)	140	6½	15	18	8½	14	21
P & O	550	26	51	61	7	21	37
(*572)	600	6½	25	36	34	47	65
Pilkingtn	120	17	19	23	3	6	10
(*134)	130	8	14	17	6	11½	14
Prudential	330	13	24	31	7½	15	23
(*333)	360	3	11	18	28	33	40
RTZ	600	55	74	85	3½	12	22
(*648½)	650	17	40	57	18	32	44
Scot New	460	16	29	35	8½	26	32
(*463½)	500	3	13	20	37	52	58
Tesco	220	13	23	29	6	12	12½
(*223)	240	4	11	20	17	22	26
Thames W	500	28	35	43	4½	19	28
(*521½)	550	4	11	19	33	51	57
Vodafone	360	27	37½	49	5	15	22
(*377)	390	9	21½	33	18	29	36½

FT-SE INDEX (*2844½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
May	108	69	37	20	7	3½
Jun	130	94	64	40	26	14
Jul	149	109	83	60	43	25
Aug	167	137	106	81	59	48
Dec	-	209	-	151	-	105
Puts						
May	10	22	41	73	114	163
Jun	26	43	61	88	126	166
Jul	38	52	74	102	136	174
Aug	52	66	91	113	144	183
Dec	-	114	-	148	-	210

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	19	30	38	13	24	30
(*395)	420	7	16	26	33	41	47
Amstrad	35	3½	6	8	3	5½	6
(*35)	40	2	3½	5½	6½	8	8½
Barclays	420	32	45	53	10	23	30
(*430)	460	11½	24	34	31	45	50
Blue Circ	240	17	28	36	11	17	23
(*245)	260	8	18	26	25	29	34
Br Gas	280	31	33	35	4	7	13
(*309½)	300	13	20	24	10	15	22
	330	3	8½	12	32	35	40
Dixons	200	28	34	40	5½	13	17
(*221½)	220	15	24	30	12	22	26
Eurotnl	420	38	57	72	21	36	45
(*425)	460	18	37	53	47	59	70
Forte	180	24	31	35	4½	5	13
(*195½)	200	11	18	24	12	17	22
Glaxo	550	50	72	83	17	33	49
(*575)	600	26	48	59	43	59	76
	650	12	30	41	80	92	109
HSBC	600	44	64	80	20	34	45
(*618½)	650	19	40	57	47	60	72
Hillsdwn	140	19	25	29	4½	8	12
(*155½)	160	7½	14	18	14	18	22
Lonrho	80	10	13	16	4½	7½	10
(*84½)	90	5½	8½	10	9½	13	15
Reuter	1250	80	117	150	25	53	70
(*1284)	1300	50	89	125	48	77	94
R-Royce	120	17	23	26	4	7½	10½
(*132)	130	10½	17	21	7½	12	15½
Sears	100	9	12	15	4½	7½	10
(*106)	110	4	7½	10	10	12	15
Thrn Emi	850	46	60	74	17	40	48
(*868½)	900	20	35	49	44	70	77
TSB	180	18	23	29	6	12	16
(*192½)	200	8	14	19	16	22	27
Vaal Reefs	45	9	9½	11	2	5	6
(*$49)	50	5	7	9	5	7½	8½
Wellcome	750	35	67½	85	39	56½	70
(*735)	800	20½	46½	62	71	88	101

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	20	27	29	13	18	22
(*165)	180	11	19	21	26	29	33

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastn Elc	460	27	36	45	5	20	27
(*475½)	500	6	15	26	26	44	50

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	20	30	39	9	15	19
(*337)	360	6	16	25	27	32	35
Scot Pwr	310	17	21	26	6½	14	16½
(*315)	330	6½	11	16	16	26	29

April 23, 1993 Tot: 52084 Calls: 30748 Puts: 21336 FT-SE Calls: 5055 Puts: 7236
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Sugar prices soared following news that South African output could be the lowest for 22 years after the cane suffered drought damage. This compounded fears of shortages following downward revisions to the Thai and Cuban crops. Although the market is expected to be in deficit this year, stocks should be high enough to prevent a protracted rise in prices.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	668-667	Jul	759 SLR
Jul	681 BID	Sep	774-773
Sep	694-693	Dec	798-795
Dec	713-711	Mar	824-815
Mar	731 BID		
May	744-742		Volume: 3481

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	883-882	Jan	876-872
Jul	864-862	Mar	886-881
Sep	862-861	May	890-885
Nov	869-867		Volume: 1389

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	293.0-91.1
Spot: 305.8		May	296.0-93.1
Aug	311.5-10.6	Aug	300.5-96.1
Oct	296.0-95.1	Oct	293.5-87.1
Dec	293.5-91.6		Volume: 1291

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 23

	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
(p/kg lw)			
GB:	85.37	139.01	136.53
(+/-)	-2.44	-4.60	-1.13
Eng/Wales:	85.37	141.49	136.00
(+/-)	-2.44	-2.53	+1.03
(%)	-2.4	-44.1	-29.6
Scotland:	n/a	121.78	138.07
(+/-)	n/a	-14.43	-1.11
(%)	n/a	-44.2	-12.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	112.0	112.0	Nov	105.0	105.0
Oct	105.0	105.0			Volume: 18

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	145.20
Jun	146.55
Sep	107.60
Nov	109.65
Jan	112.65
	Volume: 152

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	141.00
Sep	106.55
Nov	108.95
Jan	111.20
Mar	112.95
	Volume: 53

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	unq
Jun	137.30
Aug	138.30
Oct	142.50
Dec	146.30
	Volume: 50

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	45.0	45.5
Apr	unq	92.3
May	unq	99.0
		Volume: 10

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kg)
May 57.00-57.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A small scale pre-weekend buying spree helped prices to make small gains.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.60	+0.20
Brent 15 day (May)	18.70	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.90	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.30	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.50	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	208 (-1)	209 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	184 (-1)	186 (-1)
Non EEC 1H May	181 (+1)	182 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	176 (+1)	177 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	78 (n/c)
Naphtha	181 (+1)	183 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

May	176.75-77.00	Aug	174.75-75.00
Jun	174.00-74.25	Sep	176.50-76.75
Jul	173.75-74.00	Oct	179.25-79.75
			Vol: 16193

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.88-18.90	Sep	19.02-19.03
Jul	18.89-18.91	Oct	19.04-19.07
Aug	18.96-18.99		Vol: 21251

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	203.50-04.50	Aug	211.00 SLR
Jun	204.50-06.00	Sep	unq
Jul	204.50-07.50		Vol: 27

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Apr 93	High: 1540	Low: 1530	Close: 1540
May 93	1537	1515	1534
Jun 93	1420	1400	1415
Jul 93	1295	1285	1290

Vol: 480 lots. Open int'st: 3075 Index 1524 +11

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1195.0-1195.5	1215.0-1215.5	135270
Lead (£/tonne)	271.50-272.00	280.75-281.00	87350
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	999.50-1000.0	1018.0-1018.5	203975
Tin ($/tonne)	5575.0-5580.0	5635.0-5640.0	4775
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1089.0-1089.5	1110.5-1111.0	712250
Nickel ($/tonne)	6105.0-6110.0	6179.0-6180.0	75684

مكتبات الاهرام

Williams hand-picked to provide staging post on route to world title bout

Bruno steers true course to Lewis

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

FRANK Bruno, who is given little chance of beating Lennox Lewis by most experts in September, should improve his standing with British boxing followers tonight. A spectacular win over Carl "The Truth" Williams at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham should go a long way to helping the promoters hype the bout between the two Londoners as a competitive one.

Williams, a former world title contender, has been specially chosen as an opponent by Mickey Duff, the smartest match maker in the world, and Bruno himself. Video tapes have not only shown that Williams, at 33, is well past his best but also that he cannot take a punch.

He was twice on the canvas against James Tillis (1984), Jesse Ferguson (1985), Mike Weaver (1986), Jerry Jones (1992) and Tommy Morrison (1993). Mike Tyson stopped him in one round in 1989. Williams is just the sort to go down to a Bruno punch.

So certain is Bruno of winning that, at a recent press conference, he broke his rule and looked beyond the bout to the contest with Lewis.

"I'm looking forward to the Lewis fight," he said, "because I'm going to do some damage to him — which I've been meaning to do for a very long time."

Williams is an excellent boxer, technically far superior to Bruno. The American won the World Cup gold medal as an amateur and, as a professional, lost a close decision to Larry Holmes, out-boxing the great man in the early rounds. The crowd thought Williams had won and showed their displeasure. "If my face had fitted, I would have been champion," Williams said. "Fighting Holmes was the high point of my career."

Williams has a good jab, moves well and, if he is the least bit interested in winning, should have no trouble exploiting Bruno's weaknesses — lack of mobility and defence — and knocking him out. But all the signs are that he is not overburdened with ambition and has come simply to pick up his cheque. He will be receiving £100,000.

He was beaten by Tim Witherspoon on a split decision in March 1991 and, the following March, was surprisingly beaten by Jones. After being stopped by Morrison in January, he lost touch with his chief trainer, John Davenport. "I've been around too long to need a trainer," he said. Since arriving in Birmingham ten days ago, he has done little sparring.

However, Bruno is not too sure of himself when under pressure, so the bout is an interesting one. Williams carries a good punch and has got up off the floor to knock down opponents and win. He even got up after being floored by Tyson in the first round but the referee, Randy Neumann, did not think he was in any position to continue.

Will Williams be able to catch Bruno? Will Bruno go to pieces if caught? How will Bruno manage to get to Williams's chin? George Francis, Bruno's trainer, says that Bruno is more aggressive these days and, once he gets to his man, stays on top of him. "He's in tremendous shape," Francis said. "Ever since he's been his own boss, he's been a totally different man, more relaxed and mature, and mean in the ring. He grew up with that Tyson fight. He's doing to opponents what Tyson did to him."

However, Bruno's main drawback is his inability to fight or defend himself when the punches start flying. Having been brought up on a diet of "doughnuts", he makes a meal of opponents who hit back or do not stand in a corner waiting to be hit.

It is a bout that will provide answers for Lewis. Duff says he has options on Williams, just in case something goes wrong. But it is highly unlikely that both Duff and Bruno will have slipped up at the point when they are about to sign for a bout with Lewis in which Bruno stands to make £2.5 million.

☐ Robbie Regan has relinquished his European flyweight title to challenge Pat Clinton for the World Boxing Organisation crown in Cardiff this summer. The fight is likely to take place on July 31 or August 7.

GAVIN BLYTH



Looking ahead: Bruno, confident of defeating Williams tonight, contemplates a lucrative meeting with Lewis in September

TALE OF THE TAPE

Bruno		Williams
31	Age	33
6ft 3in	Height	6ft 4in
82in	Reach	86in
	Chest	
45in	Normal	45in
48in	Expended	47in
17in	Biceps	16in
15in	Forearm	13½in
34in	Waist	34in
28in	Thigh	26in
16in	Calf	17in
17in	Neck	17in
8in	Wrist	8½in
13¾in	Fist	13¾in
11in	Ankle	10in

RECORDS

Bruno: 38 wins (34 inside the distance), 3 defeats.
Williams: 33 wins (21 inside the distance), 6 defeats; 1 no decision.

Board amends kicking law

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GETTING a kick out of rugby may mean something entirely different if the intentions of the game's governing body, the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), are properly patrolled.

At the annual meeting of its executive council, which ended in Edinburgh yesterday, the board moved against the indiscriminate kicking that has constituted some teams' sole tactical approach this season.

The controversial laws relating to the ruck-maul have been retained for a further experimental year. These laws have led to overuse of the boot but, in future, players catching a kick ahead who have no further opportunity to play the ball, because they are immediately wrapped up in a maul, will have the subsequent scrum put in.

That is a modification of the "use it or lose it" syndrome that has existed this season, although teams will have to adjust quickly this summer. France, for instance, whose domestic season ends with their club final on June 6, will be playing under the amended regulations in South Africa five days later, while the British Isles have agreed to play under them on their tour of New Zealand.

The IRFB welcomed the input of the ten international coaches who met in Hong Kong last month and whose submission emphasised "encouragement to players who keep the ball in their hands, to achieve more structured continuity of play ... with less incentive to kick the ball." The board has also accepted what Australians call the "blood bin". This allows temporary substitution for a player requiring treatment to a bleeding wound. Although the award of caps is in the remit of individual unions, the board felt caps should be awarded to players in such circumstances.

There is a renewed distinction between rugby league players seeking to play rugby union for the first time and union converts to league who seek a return to their original code. This represents a further relaxation of the amateurism laws.

Professional league players who have never played union can now do so at any level after a two-year gap has passed since their last professional involvement. Players under 19 can do so after only a year.

☐ The four-year cycle of World Cups will continue in 1999, 2003 and 2007 but future World Cup sevens will be debated at the interim board meeting in October. After 1995, only the finalists and the third-placed team (and one host union) will be seeded in the subsequent World Cup.

Webb leads day of farewells

BY DAVID HANDS

ALL will be done and dusted in the Courage Clubs Championship today. Barring a dramatic upset, Bath will take their third successive first division title. Newcastle Gosforth will be promoted from the second division and Havant will stand proudly above more famous names like Coventry, Rosslyn Park, and Blackheath.

Bath's task is to win at Saracens, a ground where they have slipped up before, but where they will have their four British Isles players in action. In addition, Jonathan Webb will display his exciting talents one more time at full back before retiring.

Webb's welcome opportunity to bow out on an appropriate stage comes because of an injury to Adedayo Adebayo, one of the England squad that won the World Cup sevens last weekend. His place on the wing goes to Jonathan Callard, Webb's successor.

LEADERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	11	10	0	1	336	84	20
Wasps	11	10	0	1	179	112	20
Leicester	11	8	0	3	192	111	16
Northampton	11	7	0	4	181	129	14

Saracens, already doomed, will not go down without a struggle and with the sympathy of anyone who has ever seen them make a silk purse from a sow's ear at Southgate. They say farewell to Lee Adamson, 34, who is retiring after 17 seasons.

If Bath falter, Wasps wait in the wings, though they will not find Bristol easy to beat. Nor, indeed, will Newcastle Gosforth have it all their own way at Moseley, whose capable pack have the added motivation of wishing to avoid being one of the seven clubs relegated from the second division because of the formation of national leagues with ten clubs next season.

Havant, the Hampshire champions, must win or draw at Aspatria to avoid being overtaken by Otley at the top of the third division, but plans are already well advanced for a £120,000 clubhouse extension and stand at Hooks Lane, their home for the past 40 years.

One other significant retirement is that of Wayne Shelford, though the former All Blacks captain will be a bystander when Northampton play London Scottish at Richmond. Shelford, 35, is returning to New Zealand where he will continue to play club rugby for North Shore.

☐ Robert Jones, the Swansea scrum half, has aggravated a shoulder injury and misses today's Swalec Cup semi-final against Llanelli, who include 11 full internationals, at Cardiff Arms Park.

Paul Thorburn returns for Neath, who will be attempting to reach their sixth final by overcoming Bridgend at Llanelli's Stradey Park in the other semi-final.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Medvedev falls to dominant Edberg

STEFAN Edberg, the No 1 seed, ended Andrei Medvedev's winning run when he beat the Ukrainian 6-4, 6-3 in the quarter-finals of the Monte Carlo open yesterday. Medvedev, 18, a recent winner in Estoril and Barcelona, had won all 13 of his previous matches on clay this year but the world No 3 put the rising star firmly in his place.

The Swede stuck to his attacking serve-and-volley game and kept Medvedev constantly on the defensive. Medvedev earned ten break points in the match but broke Edberg's service only once in each set. Edberg, rarely in trouble despite a tentative start, said: "Medvedev is one of the best clay-courters at the moment and I need to play the best players on clay." But Edberg still tipped Medvedev to be a serious threat at next month's French Open.

Edberg, who has only two clay-court titles to his credit, now meets the unseeded Cedric Pioline, who beat Jonas Svensson 6-3, 6-4. Thomas Muster, the champion, moved effortlessly into the last four when he beat Alex Corretja 6-2, 6-2 in just over an hour. Muster plays Sergi Bruguera, who beat his fellow Spaniard, Carlos Costa, 7-6, 6-2.

Arsenal aim for treble

FOOTBALL: Arsenal's women's players go into their FA Cup final at Oxford United today with three trophies in their sights — the women's FA Cup, the premier division championship and the League Cup. If successful, they will achieve a feat that has proved beyond all women's teams. Arsenal's opponents this afternoon are the five-time FA Cup winners, and holders, Doncaster Belles.

Michelle Curley, Gill Wylie, the Arsenal captain, and Lesley Shipp, the club's England goalkeeper, have all been under treatment but are expected to play. But an ankle injury has ruled out Kirsty Pealling, the full back. Loraine Hunt is the only injury doubt for Doncaster, whose season would be vindicated if they could deny Arsenal at least one trophy.

Scots set standard

HOCKEY: Scotland took first blood in the women's home countries tournament in Cardiff yesterday, beating Wales 4-0, while England and Ireland drew 0-0. However, Neil Menzies, the Scotland coach, was not particularly impressed with his players, despite their domination. "We were not particularly sharp," he said. "It took us too long before we started to look comfortable. This is our first international since last summer and it will take us a while to get back up to speed." He believes that, by the match with England tomorrow, his squad should have regained its sharpness. The Irish, while lacking the skills of their opponents, had more fire and determination and should have done better.

Martin on road again

ATHLETICS: Eamonn Martin's NutraSweet London Marathon victory last Sunday brought him kudos and wealth but today he will be "the club man through and through, running so the other lads are enthusiastic" in the national 12-stage road relay in Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield. He would not be running but for the fact that he feels it his duty to Basildon AC. Martin believes that, were he to miss it, resolve among his clubmates to compete in future national club events might weaken and deny younger members a development ground. "I'm trying to make sure the spirit of running in these events does not die," he said. "I've got to be a driving force behind it. It's easy to get out of the habit."

Johnston's run ends

BOWLS: Margaret Johnston, the women's world champion, saw her superb run of wins in the International Jack High tournament on Australia's Gold Coast ended yesterday when she went down 9-4, 9-8 to Jeff Rabkin, of Israel, in her concluding group match. Johnston needed a straight sets victory to give her a place in today's semi-finals but never recovered after Rabkin began with a maximum count of four. The result opened the door for Richard Corsie, of Scotland, to reach the semi-finals. He takes on Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong, who swept aside the Australian, Cameron Curtis, 9-2, 9-3. Today's other match is all-Australian — Dave Stockham against Daphne Shaw.

Wings accept challenge

RUGBY: Martin Offiah, Rory Underwood and Andrew Harriman will race over 100 metres next month in a challenge to find the fastest man in British rugby. The three wings have agreed to break the barriers between rugby league and union in a one-off race and provide the highlight of Shaun Edwards's testimonial rugby league match at Wigan on May 3. They will run from try line to try line on the Central Park pitch. Offiah, of Wigan, represents rugby league against the two union players, Underwood (England and Leicester) and Harriman, the Harlequins wing, who inspired England's triumph in the Rugby World Cup sevens last weekend.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
First division

Barnsley v Oxford Utd
Birmingham v Tranmere
Bristol City v Cambridge Utd
Derby v Luton
Millwall v Charlton
Notts County v Swindon
Peterborough v Leicester
Portsmouth v Wolves (all ticket)
Watford v Brentford
West Ham v Bristol Rovers

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	42	25	9	8	80	36	84
Portsmouth	43	24	10	9	75	41	82
West Ham	43	23	10	10	74	39	79
Swindon	43	21	12	10	72	54	75
Leicester	43	22	9	12	70	54	75
Tranmere	42	21	8	13	67	53	71
Millwall	43	17	16	10	63	47	67
Grimsby	43	19	7	17	57	52	64
Derby	42	17	8	17	62	54	59
Wolves	43	15	13	15	54	51	58
Charlton	43	15	13	15	47	43	58
Barnsley	43	16	9	18	54	56	57
Peterborough	43	15	12	16	51	62	57
Watford	43	13	13	17	55	68	52
Bristol City	43	13	12	18	45	66	51
Oxford Utd	42	12	13	17	49	53	49
Luton	43	10	19	14	46	59	49
Notts County	42	11	14	17	50	65	47
Sunderland	42	12	11	19	44	57	47
Southend	43	11	13	19	50	60	46
Brentford	43	12	10	21	48	65	46
Birmingham	43	12	10	21	46	69	46
Cambridge Utd	43	10	15	18	45	66	45
Bristol Rovers	43	9	10	24	48	82	37

* Not including last night's match.

Second division

Blackpool v Stockport
Bolton v Chester
Bournemouth v Leyton Orient
Bradford C v Reading
Brighton v Rotherham
Fulham v Burnley
Huddersfield v Hull
Mansfield v Exeter
Plymouth v Port Vale
Stoke v Preston
Swansea v Hartlepool
West Brom v Wigan

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	42	25	11	6	70	32	86
Port Vale	42	23	10	9	70	41	79
West Brom	43	22	10	11	78	52	76
Bolton	41	22	9	10	69	39	75
Stockport	42	18	14	10	78	53	68
Leyton Orient	43	19	9	15	64	48	66
Brighton	43	19	9	15	59	53	66
Bradford	43	17	14	12	64	61	65
Reading	43	17	14	12	62	46	65
Swansea	41	17	13	11	58	43	64
Rotherham	43	15	14	14	55	56	59
Burnley	43	15	14	14	54	52	59
Fulham	43	14	16	13	49	52	58
Plymouth	42	15	11	16	55	60	56
Huddersfield	43	14	9	20	47	59	51
Hull	42	13	11	18	44	59	50
Bournemouth	42	11	15	16	41	50	48
Hartlepool	43	12	12	19	38	57	48
Preston	42	13	8	21	64	86	47
Blackpool	43	11	14	18	57	69	47
Exeter	42	11	14	17	51	65	47
Mansfield	42	10	10	22	48	73	40
Wigan	42	10	10	22	41	63	40
Chester	43	8	5	30	45	91	29

Third division

Crewe v Colchester
Doncaster v Northampton
Halifax v Walsall
Lincoln v Bury
Rochdale v York
Scarborough v Darlington
Scunthorpe v Barnet
Shrewsbury v Chesterfield
Torquay v Hereford
Wrexham v Carlisle

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	39	23	9	7	64	41	78
Cardiff	40	23	8	9	72	46	77
York	41	21	12	8	72	44	75
Wrexham	39	20	11	8	66	48	71
Walsall	38	18	7	13	65	60	61
Crewe	38	18	7	13	62	52	61
Shrewsbury	39	17	10	12	52	45	61
Bury	40	17	9	14	60	52	60
Lincoln	39	17	8	14	53	50	59
Colchester	38	17	5	16	62	64	56
Chesterfield	38	15	10	14	56	56	55
Rochdale	39	14	10	15	66	66	52
Scunthorpe	39	13	12	14	55	50	51
Scarborough	39	14	8	17	61	66	50
Darlington	39	10	14	15	44	51	44
Carlisle	39	11	10	18	48	59	43
Doncaster	39	10	13	16	36	52	43
Hereford	39	9	14	16	46	58	41
Gillingham	40	8	13	19	45	62	37
Northampton	39	10	7	22	43	68	37
Halifax	39	9	9	21	45	61	36
Torquay	39	10	6	23	42	68	36

Other match

Leeds Utd v Grampus Eight (2.30)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Bromsgrove
Bath v Stafford
Farnborough v Macclesfield
Kettering v Kidderminster
Merthyr v Runcorn
Northwich v Dagenham and Redbridge
Slough v Witton
Telford v Wycombe
Welling v Gateshead
Woking v Stalybridge
Yeovil v Boston

Scottish League
Premier division

St Johnstone v Motherwell

First division

Ayr v Dumbarton
Hamilton v Morton
Meadowbank v Dunfermline
Raith v Cowdenbeath
St Mirren v Kilmarnock
Stirling v Clydebank

Second division

Albion v Stenhousemuir
Alloa v Clyde
Arbroath v Stranraer
Berwick v Queen's Park
Brechin v Forfar
East Fife v Montrose
East Stirling v Queen of the South

Women's FA Cup final

Arsenal v Doncaster Belles (at Oxford United FC, 2.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Chesham; Basingstoke v Staines; Bromley v St Albans; Carshalton v Wokingham; Enfield v Sutton Utd; Grays v Hendon; Harrow v Wivenhoe; Hayes v Stevenage; Kingstonian v Dulwich; Marlow v Yeading; Windsor and Eton v Bognor. First division: Abingdon Town v Croydon; Aveley v Dagenham; Barking v Whyteleafe; Billericay v Dorking; Bishop's Stortford v Leyton; Boreham Wood v Walton and Hersham; Chalfont St Peter v Hitchin; Lewes v Maidenhead; Molesey v Heybridge; Wembley v Purfleet. Second division: Banstead v Edgware; Barton v Chertsey; Berkhamsted v Leatherhead; Hemel Hempstead v Egham; Hungerford v Witham; Maldon Vale v Tilbury; Raynham v Hanstead; Ruislip Mnr v Met Police; Saffron Walden v Hampton; Southall v Ware; Worthing v Newbury. Third division: Aldershot v Kingsbury; Bracknell v Hornchurch; Clapton v Hertford; Collier Row v Epsom and Ewell; Cove v Tring; Feltham and Hounslow v Thame; Leighton v East Thurrock; Northwood v Petersfield; Royston v Camberley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Dover; Bashley v Halesowen; Cambridge C v Dorchester; Cheltenham v VS Rugby; Crawley v Worcester; Hastings T v Solihull; Hednesford v Corby; Moor Green v Gloucester. Midland division: Bard v King's Lynn; Bridgnorth v Tamworth; Evesham v Rushden and Diamonds; Gresley v Leicester Utd; Hinckley T v Weston-super-Mare; Newport AFC v Dudley; Redditch v Bedworth; Stourbridge v RD Warwick; Sutton Coldfield v Nuneaton; Yate v Forest Green. Southern division: Andover v Camberley; Ashford T v Poole, Braintree v Fisher; Bury T v Dunstable; Erith and Belvedere v Buckingham; Gravesend and Northfleet v Sittingbourne; Havant v Margate; Newport (IoW) v Weadstone; Salisbury v Fareham; Sudbury v Burnham; Witney v Baddock.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol MF v Elmore; Chippenham v Saltash; Clevedon v Dawlish; Minehead v Mangotsfield; Tiverton v Liskeard; Westbury v Torrington.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham v March; Brightlingsea v Gorleston, Diss v Stowmarket; Great Yarmouth v Comard; Halstead v Wroxham; Histon v Fakenham; Lowestoft v Harwich and Parkeston; Norwich Utd v Chatteris; Tiptree v Newmarket; Wisbech v Felixstowe.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Gainsborough v Bishop Auckland; Goole v Morecambe; Hyde v Colwyn Bay; Leek v Emley; Matlock v Marine; Mossley v Accrington Stanley; Southport v Frickley; Winsford v Whitley Bay. First division: Ashton Utd v Workington; Bridlington Town v Warrington; Curzon Ashton v Stapeshall Albion; Grotna v Alfreton; Gusseley v Knowsley Utd; Lancaster v Rossendale; Netherfield v Caernarfon.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Murton; Consett v Brandon; Guisborough v Peterlee Newtown; Newcastle Blue Star v Tow Law; Northallerton v Hebburn; Whitby v Ferryhill.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bacup Borough v Burscough; Blackpool Mechanics v Nantwich; Bradford Park Avenue v St Helens; Chadderton v Prescot; Darwen v Skelmersdale; Flixton v Clitheroe; Glossop North End v Blackpool Rovers; Kidsgrove v Salford; Maine Road v Bamber Bridge, Newcastle Town v Atherton LR; Penrith v Eastwood Hanley.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Brigg Town; Belper v Winterton, Dunsby v Ossett Albion; Ecclesfield v Liversedge; Harrogate Rwy v Ashfield; Ossett Town v Maltby MW; Pickering v North Ferriby; Spennymoor v Sheffield; Stocksbridge PS v Glasshoughton Wf; Thackley v Pontefract Colliery.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v West Ham (2.30); Ipswich v Norwich (2.0); Leyton Orient v Millwall; OPR v Chelsea; Southend v Fulham; Tottenham v Cambridge Utd (2.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Swindon (2.30); OPR v Luton (2.0); Southampton v Oxford United; Tottenham v Crystal Palace (2.0). Second division: Cardiff v Plymouth (2.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Liverpool (2.0)

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Lame; Ballydare v Newry; Carrick v Bangor; Cliftonville v Ballymena; Coleraine v Distillery; Glenavon v Glentoran; Limfield v Portadown; Omagh Town v Crusaders.

Otley v Liverpool St Helens
Redruth v Askeans
Sheffield v Plymouth

Fourth division north

Hereford v Harrogate
Stoke v Nuneaton
Stourbridge v Durham
Towcestrians v Rotherham
Walsall v Preston Grasshoppers
Wrrnington Park v Lichfield

Fourth division south

Met Police v London Welsh
North Walsham v High Wycombe
Southend v Maidstone
Sudbury v Lydney
Thurrock v Berry Hill
Weston-super-Mare v Camborne

Swalec Cup
Semi-finals

Bridgend v Neath (1.30) (at Llanelli)
Llanelli v Swansea (3.15) (at Cardiff)

Heineken Welsh League
First division

Maesteg v Pontypool (2.30)

Club matches

Glamorgan W v Newport (2.30)
London Irish v Oxbridge
Nottingham v Basingstoke
CANCELLED: Penarth v Newbridge

ULSTER CUP FINAL: Dungannon v Ballymena (at Ravenhill, 2.30)

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Shield
Final day of four
CHELMSFORD: Essex v England A.

Other match
One day
FENNER'S: Combined Universities v Northamptonshire

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Tour of the Marshes (New Romney, Kent, 11.0).
FENCING: Women's epée World Cup (Northgate Sports Centre, Ipswich).
HOCKEY: Women's Home Countries championship (Cardiff): England v Scotland (9.30); Wales v Ireland (1.0).
ICE HOCKEY: Heineken League play-offs (Wembley).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

Cracken (Birmingham) v Martin Smith (Sheffield). Middleweight: Richie Woodhall (Telford) v Royan Hammond (US). Welterweight: Del Bryan (Nottingham) v Lindon Scarlett (Dudley).

CYCLING: Oxonian CC 10 (Crowmarsh Gifford, 4.0); Mildenhall CC 10 (Higham, Suffolk, 2.0).

HOCKEY: Women's home countries championship (Cardiff): Scotland v Ireland (11.0); Wales v England (2.30). Inter-league play-offs (men): Chelmsford v Sheffield (Chelmer Park 2.30); Edgbaston v Anchorians (Birmingham University, 12.0).

ICE HOCKEY: Heineken League play-offs (Wembley).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
First division

Newcastle v Sunderland (12.0)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Bath v Gateshead

BORD-GAIS LEAGUE: Promotion-relegation play-off, second leg (3.30): Monaghan United v Waterford United (first leg, 2-2).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES (12.0): Afan Lido v Conwy; Llanelli v Bangor.

WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Bronte v Wimbledon; Knowsley United v Red Star Southampton; Millwall Lionesses v Ipswich Town; Stanton Rangers v Maidstone Tigresses. First division: North: Abbeydale Alvechurch v Wolverhampton; Cowgate Kestrels v Sheffield Wednesday; Leasowe Pacific v Sunderland. South: Hassocks v Epsom and Ewell (12.30); Horsham v District Line.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter premiership
First round

Bradford N v Castleford
Widnes v Leeds
Wigan v Warrington

Divisional premiership
Second round

Featherstone v Ryedale-York (3.30)
Huddersfield v Workington (3.30)
Oldham v Dewsbury
Rochdale v Keighley

RL ACADEMY CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final: Hull v Featherstone Rovers (at Bradford, 12.45). Plate: Semi-final: Widnes v Dewsbury (4.0).

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Gloucester v Harlequins
London Scottish v Northampton
Rugby v Leicester
Saracens v Bath
Wasps v Bristol
West Hartlepool v Orrell

Second division

Bedford v Morley
Fylde v Wakefield (2.30)
Moseley v Newcastle Gosforth
Rosslyn Park v Richmond
Sale v Coventry (2.30)
Waterloo v Blackheath (2.30)

Third division

Aspatria v Havant
Broughton Park v Exeter
Leeds v Clifton

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division play-off: Shelbourne v Cork City (at Tolka Park, 7.45).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Connah's Quay v Inter Cardiff (2.30), Cwmbran v Porthmadog (2.30); Ebbw Vale v Bangor; Haverfordwest v Caersws; Holywell v Abergavenny; Llanelli v Flint Town United; Llanidloes v Aberystwyth (2.30); Maesteg Park v Conway; Mold v Afan Lido.

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Shield
Third day of four
CHELMSFORD: Essex v England A

Other match
One day
FENNER'S: Combined Universities v Middlesex

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: National 12-stage road relay championships (Sutton Park, Birmingham).

BOXING: NEC, Birmingham: Heavyweight: Frank Bruno (GB) v Carl Williams (US). British light-middleweight championship, final eliminator: Robert Mc-

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Hill makes happy return to collect first pole position

From Oliver Holt
in Imola

DAMON Hill feels at home here among the gentle slopes of the Emilia Romagna region. He did his first test for Williams at this track more than two years ago and, yesterday, he returned to claim the first provisional pole position of his career.

On a track that should maximise the power advantage of his Williams-Renault, Hill drove a series of scorching laps in the afternoon qualifying session, beating his own quickest time again and again and finishing two-tenths of a second ahead of his team-mate, Alain Prost. Ayrton Senna, in third place, was more than a second behind the Frenchman.

If it does not rain on Sunday, Hill and Prost, whose day was disrupted by the affects of a morning collision with Jean Alesi's Ferrari, should both reduce Senna's lead at the head of the championship.

While Prost has struggled, the Englishman seems to be growing in confidence. "I can afford to be a little bit more attacking now after my two second places," Hill said. "It was a milestone for me today, but I still have to take a gently, gently approach."

If Hill took the laurels on the track, Senna won the award for overall contribution. He arrived here on a scooter five minutes before morning practice after an overnight flight from Brazil, then plane and helicopter rides from Rome.

When he got into a car half an hour later, he immediately set the third fastest time and then spun off, prompting a stream of quips about falling asleep at the wheel.

In the afternoon, he finished third — after Michael Schumacher's times were invalidated because he used unapproved tyres — despite another, more embarrassing, spin, which ended with Senna's car smashing into the pit wall in front of the Williams garage. "I felt fine," he said. "I am used to punishing schedules and the accidents were nothing to do with my journey."

The Brazilian directed his energy instead to another fierce attack on Benetton over the saga of access to the best Ford engine which McLaren are trying everything in their power to secure and then hinted that an agreement over his own future may be imminent.

"Concerning my own personal contract, I expect a deal to be struck within the next few days. We are close, but there is still nothing formal," he said. "But the negotiations with Ford are extremely frustrating. We were promised the engine on Wednesday night and then on Thursday Benetton moved the goalposts. I have come here to damage Benetton, to finish above Benetton again. Surely, there is a limit to how selfish they can be."

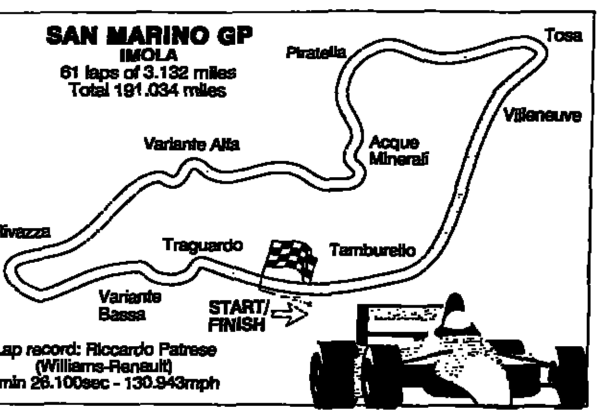
But Flavio Briatore, the Benetton managing director, at his flamboyant, hand-waving, quick-talking best, refuted Senna's accusations. "I never promised nothing to nobody," he said. "Senna is desperate to have the best money, the best engine, the best car, the best motor home, the best everything."

It was another miserable day for Senna's McLaren team-mate, Michael Andretti, who has only completed four laps in his first three grand prix. He, too, spun into the pit lane wall and then, after his car had been hastily repaired, he failed to spot the signal ordering him to have his car weighed and was disqualified from the afternoon session.

PRACTICE TIMES

1, D Hill (GB), Williams, 1min 22.540sec; 2, A Prost (Fr), Williams, 1:22.788; 3, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1:24.042; 4, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:24.882; 5, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:24.906; 6, R Patrese (It), Benetton, 1:24.916; 7, M Blundell (GB), Ligier, 1:25.405; 8, P Alliot (Fr), Larrousse, 1:25.482; 9, J Herbert (GB), Lotus, 1:25.742; 10, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 1:25.789; 11, J J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 1:25.941; 12, D Warwick (GB), Footwork, 1:25.971; 13, R Barrichello (Braz), Jordan, 1:26.142; 14, M Brundle (GB), Ligier, 1:26.181; 15, A Zanardi (It), Lotus-Ford, 1:26.465; 16, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork Mugen-Honda, 1:26.707; 17, T Boutsen (Bel), Jordan-Hart, 1:26.810; 18, E Comas (Fr), Larrousse-Lamborghini, 1:26.947; 19, A De Cesaris (It), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 1:27.312; 20, L Badoer (It), BMS Lola-Ferrari, 1:27.371; 21, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 1:27.569; 22, C Fittipaldi (Braz), Minardi-Ford, 1:27.753; 23, M Alboreto (It), BMS Lola-Ferrari, 1:27.801; 24, F Barbazza (It, Minardi-Ford), 1:28.032. Excluded: M Andretti (US, McLaren) and M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, A Senna (Br), 26pts; 2, A Prost (Fr), 14; 3, D Hill (GB), 12; equal 4, M Blundell (GB), J Herbert (GB), 6; 6, M Schumacher (Ger), 4; 7, C Fittipaldi (Br), 3; equal 8, J-J Lehto (Fin), R Patrese (It), 2; equal 10, G Berger (Austria), A Zanardi (It), F Barbazza (It), 1. Constructors: equal 1, Williams, McLaren, 26pts; 3, Lotus, 7; equal 4, Ligier, Benetton, 6; 6, Minardi, 4; 7, Sauber, 2; 8, Ferrari, 1.



Hendry back to arrogant best

DEAN ATKINS



Worrying position: Thorne faces a daunting task to overhaul Parrott

STEPHEN Hendry, supremely confident and with that air of arrogance which has been missing for most of the season, made his capture of a quarter-final place in the £1 million Embassy World Championship a formality in Sheffield yesterday.

Hendry, the defending champion, established a virtually unassailable 12-4 lead over Darren Morgan, of Wales, and requires only one of this morning's nine scheduled frames in order to progress. It was another performance to strike fear into the hearts of his challengers.

Although he committed the odd mistake Hendry, so impressive during his 10-1 first-round drubbing of Danny Fowler seven days ago, again always had this situation in hand after moving 7-2 ahead, from 6-2 overnight, with a last red-to-pink clearance in the opening frame of the second session.

A 90 break from Hendry accounted for the tenth frame and he begun the next with a 40 before surprisingly missing a straightforward red. Morgan responded with 84, and a 64 from the former world amateur champion in the thirteenth frame further aided his recovery to 4-9.

The remainder of the session was dominated by Hendry. The Scot won the following three frames in style, with runs of 49, 38, 66 and 113, which could have been developed into the highest break of the championship.

However, with the 138 total clearance from Steve James in the opening round in his sights, Hendry overcut a difficult yellow. His career total of 201 competitive century breaks is now only one short of the record set by Steve Davis, who has been a professional for seven years longer than Hendry.

An unforced error and an outlandish fluke precipitated a collapse from Willie Thorne in the middle session of his second-round match against John Parrott, the 1991 champion.

Thorne held Parrott to 4-4 overnight and led 37-13 in yesterday's opening frame when he missed the simplest of pinks to a middle pocket. At 40-37 Parrott fluked the yellow and after edging 5-4 ahead with a clearance to pink he seized the initiative.

With Thorne's propensity to dwell on careless mistakes and ill-fortune it was no great surprise that Parrott, who is seeded to meet Hendry in the final, powered away to 9-4 with breaks of 91, 72, 35, 41 and 46. This one-sided period was interrupted by Thorne winning two frames in succession, but Parrott compiled a solid 63 in the last of the session to build a commanding 10-6 lead.

Parrott was left requiring only three of the remaining nine frames on the resumption to secure a quarter-final against James Wattana, of Thailand, or Steve James. Thorne required seven.

Gary Wilkinson, the world No 8, fighting to remain in the top 16 next season, led Nigel Bond 4-2 and 52-0 in the seventh frame. Bond, though, cleared to the blue with 71 and duly added the concluding frame of the session to draw level at 4-4.

RESULTS: S Hendry (Scot) leads D Morgan (Wales), 12-4; J Parrott (Eng) leads W Thorne (Eng), 10-6, G Wilkinson (Eng) level with N Bond (Eng), 4-4.

Chasing fleet tries to cut deficit

By Barry Pickthall

RICHARD Merriweather and his crew on Commercial Union maintained their slender lead over British Steel II yesterday as the chasing British Steel Challenge fleet fought to get back on equal terms on the final stage of the race back to Southampton.

Mike Golding's men on Group 4 Securitas are 80 miles astern and continue to race within sight of Nuclear Electric and Hofbrau Lager, their two rivals for overall honours. Group 4 has to make up an eight-hour deficit over John Chittenden's crew on Nuclear Electric and Hofbrau has to finish 19 hours clear at Southampton if Pete Goss, the skipper, is to lift the trophy. Yesterday, there was just 12 miles dividing the trio.

Richard Merriweather has reported that Commercial Union's success lay with constant sail trimming by his crew. "We've covered 1,000 miles in five days and are making the best of speed and course," he said.

Rob Haine, the crewman aboard British Steel II who lost the tip of his thumb in an accident during the first stage, was also enjoying the conditions. "The sun is warm enough for T-shirts and shorts and much of our off-watch is spent on deck — something that was unthinkable during the past 15,000 miles through the Southern Ocean," he said.

The southeast trade winds, which pushed Commercial Union to a surfing speed of 17.1 knots for a short period yesterday, will continue to give crews a thrilling spinnaker ride as far as the Equator. Then, a mixture of tactics and luck will determine which yacht breaks through the doldrums first and picks up the northeast trades on the long beat up to the Azores.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14.00 GMT yesterday with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 4,728; 2, British Steel II (R Tudor), 4,733; 3, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 4,786; 4, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 4,793; 5, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 4,809; 6, Interspray (P Jeffes) 4,810; 7, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 4,813; 8, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 4,821; 9, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips); 10, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 4,843.

Bookmakers miss invitation list for first Sunday card

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

INTEREST this weekend features not on today's 11 meetings but at Ashorne tomorrow, when the first Sunday point-to-point is being staged.

Organised by the **Point-to-Point Owners' Association**, the event has attracted an entry of 361 and, with the maiden split three ways, eight races are on the card. Not all attenders will have to miss the last hymn at matins to make the first race at 2.30 but, with a scheduled 6.35 finish, few will be able to attend evensong.

The day promises to be one full of activity — except betting. Personal appearances both equine, in the shape of Desert Orchid, and human, Peter Scudamore, add to the planned entertainments, ranging from a jazz band and baton twirling to a flying display.

On the track, the feature race is a Land Rover qualifier in which Scally's Daughter, Cape Cottage and Sunny Mount may be the three involved at the finish. For this, and all other races, a sweepstake will be held in which all participants will have an interest in an allocated horse; the profits realised go to the Injured Jockeys' Association.

Today, there is another first with the **Windsor Forest**, at Tweseldown, becoming the first bloodhound pack to hold a point-to-point. Organising secretary, Chris Coyne, is determined it will be a day to remember for both spectators and participants. For the winner of the John Perrett memorial confined race, Martell has donated a pair of tickets for the County Stand at next year's Grand National, while racegoers have a chance of winning two badges for the Oaks in a free draw.

The last opportunity of qualifying for the Cheltenham final on May 5 of the BMW series is at the **Sir W W Wynn's**. From an entry of 32, the New Zealand-bred Star Crossed and Back In Business make most appeal.

Many northern enthusiasts will be abandoning their usual sport in favour of the Hexham National Hunt meeting, where the Heart Of All England hunter chase is being run.

This much-prized event may go to the promising Royal Jester, who so far has won only a maiden event at Jedforest. However, following a second in a confined race, he has since run well over the stiffer fences, at Ayr and Kelso.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Dartmoor, Flete Park, 2m north of Modbury (2.00); East Sussex and Romney Marsh, Bexhill, ½m N of town (2.00); Essex and Suffolk, Higham, 7m NE of Colchester (2.00); Fife, Balcormo Mains, 3m N of Leven (1.50); Pentyrch, Llantwit Major, 2m NW of town (2.00); Quorn, Garthorpe, 5m E of Melton Mowbray (2.15); Seavington, Little Windsor, 2m S of Crewkerne (2.00); Sir W W Wynn's, Eaton Hall, 4m S of Chester (1.30), South and West Wilts, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amesbury (2.00); Windsor Forest, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (1.30); York and Ainsty, Easingwold, 12m NW of York (2.00).

TOMORROW: Point-to-Point Owners' Club, Ashorne, 4m S of Warwick (2.30)

RESULTS: Teme Valley (Brampton Bryan): Members: 1, Snow Princess (Miss C Thomas, 10-1); 2, Spring Corn. Only two finished 5 ran. Confined. 1, Northern Barry (W Bryan, 3-1); 2, Geo Potheen; 3 Freddy Freckles. 12 ran. Open: 1, Timber Tool (E Williams, 10-1); 2, Gaddy Owen; 3, Goldon Standard. 10 ran. Ladies: 1 Cross The Moat (Miss H Callow, 2-1), 2, Spend Easy, 3, Swing Free. 8 ran. Restricted: 1, West Street (C Hancock, 3-1); 2, Lost Fortune, 3, First Harvest. 15 ran. Maiden (div I, part I): 1, Blow A Kiss (A Dalton, 6-4), 2, The Parson Fox, 3, Club Member. 11 ran. Maiden (div I, part II): 1 Uryquarat (T Jackson 7-1), 2, Balcraig Boy; 3, Comedie Fleur. 10 ran. Maiden (div II): 1, Arquba (D Duggan, 4-1)), 2, Celtic Abbey; 3, Spartan Flapjack. 17 ran

Alhijaz eyes Eclipse after game Sandown success

ALHIJAZ, winner of three group prizes in Europe, displayed his talents on his home ground when giving weight and a beating to his rivals in the Gardner Merchant Mile at Sandown yesterday.

Taking charge from 7-4 favourite Zaahi up the home straight, Willie Carson's mount maintained his stride to hold fast-finishing Hazaam by a neck. "He's a bonny colt and this was a smart performance giving weight away," said his trainer John Dunlop.

Alhijaz may be campaigned more in Britain this season, and a possible target involves a return trip to Sandown for the Coral Eclipse.

It was long overdue, but the five-year-old Lord High Admiral won his first race when coming out on top in a three-way photo with Bodari and Paddy Chalk for the Ring & Brymer Stakes.

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5.35 Leotard. 6.05 Man Of Mystery. 6.35 Master Jolson. 7.05 Its Nearly Time. 7.35 Furry Knowe. 8.05 Never Forgotten.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.35 PERSHORE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m) (22 runners)

1 2202 LEOTARD 21 (D,G) O Sherwood 6-11-7 ... J Osborne
2 4521 SOHRAB 14 (D,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 ... C Maude
3 0030/ ALIGONIS 649F W G M Turner 7-11-0 ... J McCabe (7)
4 0 BIRCHALL BOY 14 J McConnochie 5-11-0 ... J Railton
5 05 BUCKELIGHT 6 T Forster 5-11-0 ... R Farrant (5)
6 0 BUSTINELLO 12 F Murphy 5-11-0 ... B Murphy (7)
7 D5P CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 47 O O'Neill 5-11-0 ... V Slattery (3)
8 0- CHEQUE BOOK 337 W Mann 5-11-0 ... Mr D Verco
9 00 FROG HOLLOW 14 T Forster 5-11-0 ... H Davies
10 306/ IRISH TAN 752 A Aylett 6-11-0 ... J Lodder
11 F00- MANABOUTTHEHOUSE 457 Mrs I McKie 6-11-0 ... L Harvey
12 F-0P MOYMET 33 (B) K Burke 7-11-0 ... G McCourt
13 40FP NEWHALL PRINCE 17 J Smith 5-11-0 ... D Skyrme
14 OLD EAGLE 1682F D Nicholson 7-11-0 ... W Marston (3)
15 P- ZAMANAYN 506 J Upson 5-11-0 ... R Supple
16 ASTON WARRIOR M Charles 6-10-9 ... Mr S Joynes (7)
17 UPO/0 DEEP DAWN RUN 184 A James 7-10-9 ... R Bellamy
18 0 MIDNIGHT SECRET 10 W Clay 9-10-9 ... Diane Clay
19 P WILLOW BELLE 91 E Buckley 5-10-9 ... R Greene (3)
20 6 FATACK 12 Miss J Doyle 4-10-8 ... S Curran (7)
21 5 OLEJ 14 C Broad 4-10-8 ... A Flannigan (7)
22 6103 RICH DESIRE 14 (F) R Bennett 4-10-9 ... L O'Hare (7)

4-5 Leotard, 4-1 Sohrab, 10-1 Old Eagle, 12-1 Rich Desire, 16-1 Fatack, Bucklelight, 20-1 Frog Hollow, 25-1 others.

6.05 BEWDLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,282: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 35P1 PRY'S-JOY 10 (CD,F,G,S) F Murphy 9-11-10 ... B Murphy (7)
2 3511 ROYAL FLAMINGO 12 (F,G,S) G Bravery 7-11-9 ... R J Beggan
3 -0F1 POSTMAN'S PATH 12 (S) T Forster 7-11-6 ... C Llewellyn
4 21FP NESSFIELD 37 (D,G,S) K Morgan 7-11-3 ... A S Smith
5 5F4P TIM SOLDIER 12 (D,S) M Barraclough 6-11-1 ... R Garritty
6 0046 KNIGHTS 12 (G) C Broad 7-11-0 ... Jacqui Oliver
7 3502 VILLA RECOS 17 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-0 ... I Lawrence
8 P514 MAN OF MYSTERY 14 (S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0 D Bridgwater
9 P22P ROYAL HAVEN 17 (B) S Sherwood 7-10-11 ... G Upton
10 3623 THE LIGHTER SIDE 7 (F,G) M Charles 7-10-11 Judy Davies (7)
11 /PPF EXTRA GRAND 81 O Sherwood 7-10-11 ... J Osborne
12 0605 FRAMPTON HOUSE 14 (S) M Charles 11-10-10 Mr S Joynes (7)
13 /4-00 MARY O'REILLY 12 W Mann 8-10-7 ... Mr D Verco
14 /2PP PEGMARINE 49 Mrs A Woodrow 10-10-7 ... M Hazell
15 F446 SANDAIG 8 (B) K Bailey 7-10-7 ... J Railton
16 -0U3 STAR OF KUWAIT 44 (F) K Cunningham-Brown 9-10-7 D Morris
17 P050 CASTLE REUBEN 21 (B) R Dickin 5-10-7 ... D Meredith (3)
18 4346 PANDORA'S PRIZE 17 (S) Mrs P Joynes 7-10-7 ... T Wall

9-2 Postman's Path, 5-1 Man Of Mystery, 6-1 Royal Flamingo, 8-1 Pry's Joy, 10-1 Nessfield, Villa Recos, 12-1 Tim Soldier, 14-1 Knights, 16-1 others.

6.35 BATTENHALL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 3m) (25)

1 3024 CHIEF CELT 11 (S) J King 7-11-10 ... G McCourt
2 6401 EARTH SUMMIT 11 (D,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 C Llewellyn
3 3144 GAELGOIR 7 (S) C Jackson 9-11-10 ... W Humphreys
4 2212 MASTER JOLSON 24 (G) D Nicholson 5-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
5 2513 SUNLEY BAY 12 (B,S) P Nicholls 7-11-10 ... R Greene (3)
6 2361 MARTOMICK 30 (F,S) K Bailey 6-11-5 ... J Railton
7 FP/ ABSOLATUM 763 P Rich 6-11-3 ... P McDermott
8 06PP BROMO 12 P Pritchard 8-11-3 ... A Webb
9 PP CHARTER SPRINGS 12 Miss C Harter 7-11-3 ... S Keightley
10 0056 CRANK SHAFT 24 F Yardley 6-11-3 ... D Byrne
11 063P HOLY MACKEREL 30 N Henderson 6-11-3 ... J Kavanagh
12 /005U JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 23 Mrs J Scrivens 10-11-3 ... G Upton
13 0P0- MAJOR WAGER 479 D Burns 8-11-3 ... P Holley
14 4-5P NEAT AND TIDY 17 N Davis 8-11-3 ... C Maude
15 0532 RIMOUSKI 12 B Cambidge 5-11-3 ... Mr J Cambidge
16 30P2 STRONG JOHN 12 F Murphy 5-11-3 ... Mr Paul Murphy (7)
17 242P TURNING TRIX 11 (BF,G) S Sherwood 6-11-3 ... H Davies
18 502P WATERFORD CASTLE 7 N Gaselee 6-11-3 ... G Bradley
19 0P ANONA CROSS 12 R Juckes 5-10-12 ... N Juckes (7)
20 3324 JUST A SECOND 35 C Drewe 6-10-12 ... J Osborne
21 P PHOEBELLE 11 C Broad 7-10-12 ... A Flannigan (7)
22 0554 RACE TO THE RHYTHM 12 J Edwards 6-10-12 ... N Williamson
23 46P0 SUKEY TAWDRY 12 R Bennett 7-10-12 ... W Elderfield
24 5505 WENRISC 12 D Nicholson 6-10-12 ... W Marston (3)
25 05 I'M CURIOUS 18F P Thompson 4-10-4 ... D Skyrme

7-2 Martomick, 9-2 Sunley Way, 5-1 Earth Summit, 6-1 Master Jolson, 8-1 Chief Celt, 10-1 Rimouski, 12-1 Turning Trix, 14-1 Waterford Castle, 16-1 others.

7.05 CHELTENHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,929: 2m) (9)

1 21U3 TRIMLOUGH 23 (D,F,G,S) P Dalton 8-11-10 ... R Mann
2 112F ITS NEARLY TIME 14 (D,BF,G,S) P Nicholls 10-11-9 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 1461 PRIVATE AUDITION 10 (CD,F,G,S) F Murphy 11-11-8 ... B Murphy (7)
4 2231 VAIN PRINCE 12 (B,D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 6-11-4 ... G McCourt
5 UF14 KIND'A SMART 42 (D,BF,F,G,S) K Morgan 8-10-10 ... A S Smith
6 1220 TIGERS PET 32 (CD,BF,F,G) W Bissill 9-10-10. S Smith Eccles
7 3452 ISLAND JETSETTER 12 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-6 ... Gary Lyons
8 11F0 AIR COMMANDER 2 (D,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 8-10-2 ... T Wall
9 13R/3 ANDY BOY 10 (D,F) T Casey 9-10-0 ... R Dunwoody

3-1 Trimlough, 4-1 Its Nearly Time, 5-1 Private Audition, Vain Prince, 7-1 Kind'A Smart, 8-1 Tiger's Pet, 10-1 Island Jetsetter, 12-1 Air Commander, 20-1 Andy Boy.

7.35 BOWLING GREEN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,238: 2m 7f) (14)

1 3PP1 COE 35 (B,F,G) R Akehurst 7-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 12P0 RIO HAINA 45 (F,G,S) T Forster 8-11-5 ... C Llewellyn
3 246F FURRY KNOWE 14 (F) Mrs F Walwyn 8-11-5 ... B de Haan
4 43UP MANDER'S WAY 61 (G,S) Miss H Knight 8-11-2 ... J Osborne
5 P-11 TOCHENKA 9 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-13 ... D Bridgwater
6 P-P2 BORDER ARCHER 10 (C,F,G,S) P Hobbs 9-10-11 ... M Hourigan (3)
7 5F13 BIG BEN DUN 61 (BF,S) J Upson 7-10-8 ... R Supple
8 0221 WIGTOWN BAY 14 (F,G,S) J Mackie 10-10-8 ... N Williamson
9 5221 OWEN 14 (C,F,G,S) B Smart 9-10-5 ... R Dunwoody
10 -63P BIRD OF SPIRIT 68 (G,S) M Scudamore 13-10-1 ... R Bellamy
11 223P HEADIN' ON 17 (C,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 13-10-0 Mr S Joynes (7)
12 4331 UPSTANDING 36 (F) N Davis 11-10-0 ... C Maude
13 -P0F SIRISAT 43 (F) J Upson 9-10-0 ... Mr T Byrne (7)
14 P05F HUNTING DIARY 12 J Mullins 7-10-0 ... S Earle

9-2 Tochenka, 5-1 Furry Knowe, 6-1 Coe, 7-1 Wigtown Bay, 8-1 Border Archer, 10-1 Big Ben Dun, Owen, 12-1 Mander's Way, Rio Haina, 20-1 others.

8.05 GRANDSTAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,241: 2m) (23)

1 DON'T GIVE UP 16F R Bennett 5-12-0 ... L O'Hare (7)
2 -451 DOOLAR 14 (D,F,G,S) P Dalton 6-11-10 ... R Mann
3 F236 MONDAY CLUB 21 (D,F,G) J Tuck 9-11-10 ... H Davies
4 1211 KING'S SHILLING 7 (D,F,G) C Broad 6-11-6 ... Jacqui Oliver
5 6P00 TRIPLE TOP 75 (D,F,G) K White 8-11-3 ... R Dunwoody
6 1221 NORTHERN NATION 45 (D,G) W Clay 5-10-13 ... Diane Clay
7 41F3 IT'S VARADAN 21 (D,BF,G,S) T Etherington 9-10-12 G McCourt
8 0632 SOVEREIGN SOUND 14 (B,D,G) A Turnell 6-10-4 ... S McNeill
9 0501 PUNCHBAG 14 (S) G Ham 7-10-4 ... C Maude
10 3133 ALWAYS READY 35 (D,G) R Lee 7-10-4 ... M A Fitzgerald
11 4421 VA UTU 16F (D,F,G) M Channon 5-10-3 ... Lorna Vincent
12 5603 REGAL ROMPER 11 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 5-10-2 ... D Towler (7)
13 -063 BALLERINA ROSE 11 (D,G) D Burchell 6-10-1 ... D J Burchell
14 3154 NEVER FORGOTTEN 151 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 8-10-0 ... D Bridgwater
15 1030 SECRET LIASON 3 (B,D,G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0 . W Humphreys
16 4333 BICKERMAN 51 (B,D,F,G) J Spearing 10-10-0 ... A Webb
17 3604 KINO 61 (B,C,D,G,S) S Sherwood 6-10-0 ... J Osborne
18 144/4 STEVEYVUL 14 (D) O O'Neill 9-10-0 ... V Slattery (3)
19 -042 NEARCTIC BAY 5F (D,S) T Bill 7-10-0 ... M Hourigan (3)
20 00-0 BURSANA 18F (D,F) J Spearing 7-10-0 ... W Marston (3)
21 2152 DONNA'S TOKEN 10 (C,D,F,G) R Brown 8-10-0 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
22 551 MRS MAYHEW 10 (CD,S) F Murphy 5-10-0 Mr Paul Murphy (7)
23 2036 ASARGAR 32 (D,F) J Smith 7-10-0 ... R J Beggan

11-2 King's Shilling, 6-1 Punchbag, 7-1 Va Utu, 8-1 Doolar, Never Forgotten, 10-1 Northern Nation, 12-1 It's Varadan, Always Ready, 14-1 others.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Pontefract, Southwell, †Windsor, Hexham.
TUESDAY: Bath, Nottingham, †Ascot, †Huntingdon.
WEDNESDAY: Ascot, Exeter, Kelso.
THURSDAY: Newmarket, Hamilton Park, Salisbury.
FRIDAY: Newmarket, Hamilton Park, Bangor, Newton Abbot, †Sedgefield.
SATURDAY: Newmarket, Haydock Park, Thirsk, Hereford, Uttoxeter, †Hexham
Flat meetings in bold.
† Denotes evening meeting.

☐ Love Of Silver (Michael Roberts) and Ancestral Dancer (Michael Hills) represent Clive Brittain and Michael Hills respectively in the Premio Regina Elena, the Italian 1,000 Guineas, at the Capannelle, Rome, tomorrow.

NATIONAL HUNT COURSE SPECIALISTS

Hexham

TRAINERS: W Bentley, 8 winners from 23 runners, 34.8%; G Moore, 28 from 101, 27.7%, G Richards, 31 from 129, 24.0%, Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 75, 21.3%; M Naughton, 3 from 15, 20.0%; L Lungo, 4 from 21, 19.0%

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 9 winners from 28 rides, 32.1%; C Grant, 36 from 143, 25.2%; P Niven, 21 from 111, 18.9%; L O'Hara, 13 from 79, 16.5%; P Waggott, 5 from 31, 16.1%, R Hodge, 7 from 44, 15.9%.

Market Rasen

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; M Pipe, 19 from 51, 37.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 21 from 60, 35.0%; S Kettlewell, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M H Easterby, 22 from 71, 31.0%; C Brooks, 3 from 10, 30.0%; G Richards, 10 from 37, 27.0%

JOCKEYS: M Foster, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; M Dwyer, 28 from 103, 27.2%; D Murphy, 4 from 15, 26.7%; P Niven, 23 from 94, 24.5%; W Dwan, 5 from 23, 21.7%; M Brennan, 19 from 136, 14.0%.

Worcester

TRAINERS: W Bissill, 4 winners from 4 runners, 100.0%; F Murphy, 6 from 17, 35.3%; O Sherwood, 21 from 65, 32.3%; Miss H Knight, 10 from 35, 28.6%; N Tinkler, 7 from 26, 26.9%; P Nicholls, 4 from 16, 25.0%; T Forster, 16 from 83, 19.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Hourigan, 4 winners from 16 rides, 25.0%; Diane Clay, 4 from 19, 21.1%; N Mann, 8 from 41, 19.5%; J Osborne, 15 from 81, 18.5%; R Dunwoody, 35 from 227, 15.4%, G Bradley, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

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2.20 Dreams Are Free. 2.50 Mr Rough. 3.20 Balzino. 3.50 Mizaaya. 4.20 Nile Delta. 4.50 Dominuet. 5.20 Sarah-Clare. 5.50 Cromarty.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 Mizaaya.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.20 REDMILE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £4,077: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

1 65- BITTER ALOE 343 J Dunlop 4-9-10 ... L Dettori 19
2 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 23J P Hobbs 4 9-10 ... J Williams 15
3 0V MASTER REACH 28J B Meehan 4-9-10 ... R Perham 14
4 MR WOODCOCK 366J Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10 ... F Norton 2
5 RONEO Miss J Doyle 5-9-10 ... S Curran (7) 16
6 PISIO SANDS F O'Mahony 4-9-5 ... D Nicholls 17
7 65-2 CONSPICUOUS 16 P Cole 3-8-6 ... T McLaughlin (7) 7
8 D SEVEN H Collingridge 3-8-6 ... M Tebbutt 11
9 00- GENERAL MOUKTAR 187 A Hide 3-8-6 ... W Woods 10
10 MOSHAAJIR A Scott 3-8-6 ... W R Swinburn 13
11 0 MUTAMANNI 10 W Hern 3-8-6 ... B Rouse 1
12 6- PREMIER LEAGUE 179 J Banks 3-8-6 ... J Quinn 5
13 DANSEUSE FRANCAISE M Bell 3-8-1 ... M Hills 3
14 0- DREAMS ARE FREE 175 H Cecil 3-8-1 ... W Ryan 18
15 34- INDIAN FLASH 170 R Guest 3-8-1 ... G Bardwell 6
16 5- PRINCESS KRIS 194 M Stoute 3-8-1 ... P Robinson 9
17 0 RITZY 8 C C Elsey 3-8-1 ... J Lowe 4
18 2 SHOPTILLYOUDROP 11 G Moore 3-8-1 ... D Harrison (3) 8
19 30- SUMMER PAGEANT 232 J Fanshawe 3-8-1 ... N Day 12

2-1 Dreams Are Free, 5-2 Mutamanni, 7-1 Moshaajir, 14-1 Shoptillyoudrop, Princess Kris, 20-1 Bitter Aloe, Conspicuous, General Mouktar, 25-1 others.

2.50 GADSBY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,161: 5f 2yd) (21)

1 ABLEST SON M Bell 9-0 ... M Hills 8
2 BELLROI M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson 2
3 0 GRANDEE 16 B McMahon 9-0 ... J Lowe 18
4 HALI Mrs N Macauley 9-0 ... F Norton 4
5 JUST HARRY M Ryan 9-0 ... G Bardwell 11
6 MARINER BOY B McMahon 9-0 ... S Sanders (7) 3
7 2 MR ROUGH 16 D Morris 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 10
8 NORTHERN STARLIGHT P Murphy 9-0 ... N Adams 13
9 NORTHERN STORM S Woods 9-0 ... W Woods 19
10 4 OBVIOUS RISK 11 R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham 16
11 PARISH WALK K Hogg 9-0 ... A Garth (5) 15
12 SUN CHIEF B Hills 9-0 ... R Street 21
13 4 SWEETINGS PISCES 17 M H Easterby 9-0 ... S Maloney (3) 1
14 TIMBER BROKER D Haydn Jones 9 0 ... J Williams 5
15 5 CAPPUCHINO 10 W O'Gorman 8-9 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 9
16 CARELESS LADY J Wharton 8-9 ... J Quinn 7
17 0 FLYING VISION 9 J Carr 8-9 ... S Morris 12
18 LADY HIGHFIELD M Ryan 8-9 ... A Clark 14
19 0 MALLAM WATERS 11 M Heaton-Ellis 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 17
20 NERA Mrs J Cecil 8-9 ... L Dettori 6
21 0 SHEILOBLIGE 11 G Moore 8-9 ... B Rouse 20

4-1 Obvious Risk, 11-2 Mr Rough, 6-1 Bellroi, Cappuchino, Sun Chief, 10-1 Sweeting Pisces, 12-1 Ablest Son, Nera, 14-1 others

3.20 MADAGANS HANDICAP (£4,110: 1m 3f 183yd) (21)

1 310- FREE MOVER 239 (CD,G) N Graham 4-10-0 ... L Dettori 11
2 323- KAISER WILHELM 169 (C,G) H Cecil 4-10-0 ... W Ryan 21
3 0-00 MOONLIGHT QUEST 14 (CD,G,S) B Hanbury 5-9-13 M Hills 13
4 200- MUCH SOUGHT AFTER 168 (D,S) D Morley 4-9 12 M Tebbutt 8
5 120- WASSL THIS THEN 236 (S) D Arbuthnot 4-9-8 ... R Price 9
6 -520 ROUSITTO 10 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-8 ... W R Swinburn 15
7 33-0 ALQAIRAWAAN 11 J Sutcliffe 4-9-4 ... B Rouse 19
8 0-45 BUSMAN 16 (B,F) W Muir 4-9-3 ... W Woods 7
9 -223 BESCABY BOY 25 (F,G,S) J Wharton 7-9-3 ... J Williams 1
10 26-5 MANZOOR SAYADAN 8 Mrs J Pitman 5-8-12 ... S Whitworth 18
11 20-0 EIGHTANDAHALF 11 J Wainwright 4-8-11 ... A Clark 2
12 110- RICOLA 194 (CD,F,G,S) H Candy 7-8 9 Antoinette Armes (7) 20
13 -600 COOL SOCIETY 12J (F) W Musson 4-8-9 ... N Day 5
14 44-3 KINOKO 2 (CD,G) K Hogg 5-8-4 ... A Garth (5) 12
15 00-0 MAHRAJAN 11 (D,F,G,S) C Benstead 9-8-4 ... P Robinson 3
16 3-40 BALZINO 22 Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-4 ... Stephen Davies (5) 10
17 4000 MALENOIR 85 (G) R Spicer 5-8-3 ... D Harrison (3) 6
18 61-6 TIGER SHOOT 10 (C,D,G,S) C Lines 6-8-0 ... G Bardwell 14
19 1514 ATLANTIC WAY 16 (D,BF,F,S) C Hill 5-8-0 ... J Quinn 4
20 -133 TANODA 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Brittain 7-7-13 ... J Lowe 16
21 50-5 EVERSO IRISH 10 P Evans 4-7-8 ... Dale Gibson 17

6-1 Kaiser Wilhelm, 8-1 Alqairawaan, Bescaby Boy, 10-1 Busman, Kinoko, Tiger Shoot, 12-1 Atlantic Way, Balzino, Mahrajan, Rousitto, 14-1 others.

3.50 MADAGANS LEICESTERSHIRE STAKES (Listed race: £9,768: 7f 9yd) (11)

1 600- CASTEDDU 175 (D,F,G) J Dunlop 4-9-4 ... W Ryan 5
2 31-0 SWING LOW 28 (D,G,S) R Hannon 4-9-4 ... B Rouse 2
3 164- A-TO-Z 336 (D,F,G) M Bell 4-8-13 ... M Hills 10
4 00-1 BOLD LEZ 12 (F,G,S) M Haynes 6-8-12 ... J Williams 11
5 00-2 MIZAAYA 28 (D,F,G) M Stoute 4-8-12 ... W R Swinburn 1
6 02-2 POWERFUL EDGE 12 (F) I Balding 4-8-12 ... L Dettori 6
7 14-3 RAMBO'S HALL 10 (D,F,S) J Glover 8-8-12 ... D Nicholls 3
8 02-0 SUNDAY'S HILL 7 (F,G) M Blanshard 4-8-12 ... J Quinn 7
9 21-3 NIGHT JAR 12 (D,BF,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 6-8-10 D Harrison 8
10 5113 APPLEDORN 28 (D,F,G) B McMahon 6-8-7 ... P Robinson 9
11 30-6 TAUFAN BLU 28 (V,F,G,S) B Beasley 4-8-7 ... J Lowe 4

7-2 Mizaaya, 5-1 Bold Lez, 13-2 Rambo's Hall, 7-1 Swing Low, 8-1 Casteddu, Night Jar, 10-1 A-To-Z, 14-1 Appledorn, Powerful Edge, 16-1 others.

4.20 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap: £3,915: 1m 8yd) (17)

1 005- JAHANGIR 179 (D,G,S) B Hanbury 4-9-10 ... M Tebbutt 5
2 10-4 FOREVER DIAMONDS 7 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 6-9-9 ... S Maloney (3) 15
3 30-6 MA BELLA LUNA 16 (D,G) J Dunlop 4-9-8 ... W R Swinburn 13
4 01-5 SURREY RACING 12 (F,G) G Moore 5-9-8 ... B Rouse 8
5 12- NILE DELTA 280 (D,F) H Cecil 4-9-7 ... W Ryan 14
6 536- COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 262 (F) R Hannon 4-9-7 ... R Perham 12
7 /0-0 WALKING THE PLANK 28 (D,G) P Walwyn 4-9-5 ... P Robinson 1
8 301- JADE VALE 178 (CD,F,G) J Hills 4-9-4 ... M Hills 6
9 125- PENNY DROPS 142 (D,S) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-2 ... D Harrison (3) 2
10 000- ANNABELLE ROYALE 178 (D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-1 ... L Dettori 4
11 1424 ABSONAL 22 (D,F,G) P Howling 6-9-0 ... J Williams 11
12 10-1 SWEET MIGNONETTE 16 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-12 ... F Norton 7
13 -004 RED KITE 16 (D,S) M Bell 4-8-6 ... J O'Dwyer (7) 3
14 423- KINGCHIP BOY 136 (D,F,G) M Ryan 4 8-4 ... G Bardwell 10
15 2-00 FOOLISH TOUCH 8 (D,F,G,S) W Musson 11-8-3 ... N Day 9
16 4220 BALLYRANTER 21 (D,G) H Collingridge 4-7-11 ... J Quinn 17
17 0665 MEESON TIMES 8 (F,S) B Ellison 5-7-7 ... J Lowe 16

4-1 Nile Delta, 6-1 Sweet Mignonette, 8-1 Forever Diamonds, 10-1 Penny Drops, Red Kite, Kingchip Boy, 12-1 Absonal, Surrey Racing, 14-1 others.

4.50 WOOLSTHORPE HANDICAP (£5,427: 5f 218yd) (22)

1 000- RED ROSEIN 195 (D,F,G) J H Wilson 7-10-0 ... L Dettori 15
2 40-0 CUMBRIAN WALTZER 17 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-9-13 ... S Maloney (3) 21
3 500- MASSIBA 184 (D,F,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-10 D Harrison (3) 12
4 00-2 DOMINUET 14 (D,F,G,S) J Spearing 8-9-9 ... J Lowe 9
5 101- JIGSAW BOY 180 (C,D,F,S) P Murphy 4-9-2 ... J Williams 11
6 3000 BOLD HABIT 14 (D,F,G) J Pearce 8-8-13 ... D Nicholls 8
7 106- STAR GODDESS 236 (G) G Moore 4-8-13 ... B Rouse 14
8 01-0 BERNSTEIN BETTE 17 (CD,F,G,S) P Felgate 7-8-10. M Hills 22
9 0-00 HARDLINER 91 (D,F) C Wall 4-8-9 ... S Webster 7
10 05-6 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 12 (D,F,G) M Ryan 4-8-9 ... D Biggs 20
11 06-1 EFRA 12 (D,F,S) R Hannon 4-8-6 ... S Raymont 17
12 -112 PRETONIC 11 (D,F,G) M Johnston 5-8-6 ... T Williams 3
13 021- COOLABA PRINCE 177 (D,G,S) F Lee 4-8-6 ... N Kennedy (3) 5
14 40-0 FIRST GOLD 30 (D,F,S) J Wharton 4-8-4 ... A Clark 18
15 60-0 BIRCHWOOD SUN 47 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 3-8-3 ... W Ryan 2
16 2233 GREENWICH CHALLENGE 58 (S) C Smith 3-8-3 ... Dale Gibson 6
17 06-1 MARTINOSKY 28 (D,F,G) G Bravery 7-8-3 ... N Day 1
18 1051 SAMSOLOM 23 (D,F,G) P Howling 5-8-2 ... J Quinn 19
19 1523 CRECHE 28 (B,D,BF) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-1 ... F Norton 13
20 00-2 MAINLY ME 11 J Pearce 4-7-13 ... G Bardwell 16
21 350- LANGUEDOC 189 (S) M Wane 6-7-11 ... L Charnock 10
22 246- ROCA MURADA 175 (C,G) M Ryan 4-7-11 ... P Robinson 4

7-1 Efra, 8-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 10-1 Pretonic, Truthful Image, Red Rosein, 12-1 Bernstein Bette, Coolaba Prince, Dominuet, Mainly Me, Martinosky, 14-1 others.

5.20 SPRING HANDICAP (£3,522: 1m 1f 218yd) (19)

1 2-04 TAHITIAN 21 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-10 ... P Robinson 11
2 010- FATHER HAYES 302 (F) R Guest 5-9-8 ... N Day 19
3 /40- FOX CHAPEL 12J (F,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-9-7 S Maloney (3) 16
4 052- BIT ON THE SIDE 180 (C,G) W Musson 4-9-2 ... J Quinn 12
5 200/ LIGHT-HEARTED LADY 407J P Murphy 5-9-0 ... J Williams 6
6 010- EDGE OF DARKNESS 182 (D,G,S) J Hills 4-8-13 ... D Harrison (3) 5
7 020- YAAKUM 101J J Banks 4-8-11 ... L Newton (5) 4
8 0/50 CAL NORMA'S LADY 77 (C,F,G) A Hide 5-8-11 ... W Woods 8
9 358- SARAH-CLARE 136 (D,G) R Akehurst 5-8-9 ... R Perham 15
10 6-30 AQUADO 14 N Callaghan 4-8-9 ... J Lowe 18
11 04-3 FLY FOR GOLD 23 (F) D Arbuthnot 4-8-9 ... R Price 9
12 00-0 ICE STRIKE 14 J Hills 4-8-9 ... S Whitworth 13
13 00-2 ALTERMEERA 16 Mrs B Waring 5-8-8 ... G Bardwell 1
14 520- GEORGE ROPER 189 (S) G Moore 3-8-6 ... B Rouse 7
15 43-0 LADY LACEY 11 (V,F,G,S) G Balding 6-8-5 ... Dale Gibson 2
16 003- SOLID 59J (G,S) D Cosgrove 5-8-5 ... D Biggs 14
17 500- DON'T FORGET MARIE 185 R Hannon 3-8-4 ... S Raymont 10
18 40-1 GENERAL CHASE 25 (CD,F,G) D Burchell 3-8-2 ... Stephen Davies (5) 3
19 -000 WINGED WHISPER 11 (B,F) J Pickering 4-8-2 ... A Garth (5) 17

6-1 Altermeera, 7-1 General Chase, 8-1 Lady Lacey, Sarah-Clare, Tahitien, 10-1 Don't Forget Marie, Fly For Gold, Solid, 12-1 Bit On The Side, 14-1 others.

5.50 REDMILE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £4,077: 1m 1f 218yd) (19)

1 5/ CALL THE GUV'NOR 540 H Cecil 4-9-10 ... W Ryan 9
2 26- MOVE A MINUTE 266 D Elsworth 4-9-10 ... J Williams 17
3 RAFTERS W Haggas 4-9-10 ... N Day 10
4 0 GAMEFULL GOLD 11 R Dickin 4-9-5 ... S Dawson 13
5 MISTRESS BEE D Morley 4-9-5 ... F Norton 12
6 4-5 NATCHEZ TRACE 11 I Balding 4-9-5 ... L Dettori 11
7 0- BAYRAK 177 A Stewart 3-8-6 ... S Whitworth 18
8 55- CANOPUS 189 W Jarvis 3-8-6 ... M Tebbutt 4
9 COLORFUL AMBITION M Stoute 3-8-6 ... P D'Arcy 6
10 0- FLAMING MIRACLE 201 P Cole 3-8-6 ... T McLaughlin (7) 15
11 40- FORMATO UNI 203 J Dunlop 3-8-6 ... A Clark 16
12 GUESTWICK J Dunlop 3-8-6 ... M Hills 1
13 0 MOST EQUAL 7 P Murphy 3-8-6 ... N Adams 19
14 460- SHARE A MOMENT 257 R Hollinshead 3-8-6 M Humphries (7) 2
15 22- SHAREEK 220 M Stoute 3-8-6 ... W R Swinburn 8
16 6 TEACHER 18 A Scott 3-6-6 ... J Tate (7) 7
17 4- CROMARTY 219 H Cecil 3-8-1 ... W Ryan 5
18 ELA BILLANTE J Fanshawe 3-8-1 ... P Robinson 14
19 50 SABEEL 10 Mrs L Piggott 3-8-1 ... J Quinn 3

7-2 Cromarty, 9-2 Shareek, 6-1 Colourful Ambition, 8-1 Canopus, 10-1 Call The Governor, 14-1 Move A Minute, 20-1 Flaming Miracle, Formato Uni, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Murphy, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; Mrs J Cecil, 3 from 9, 33.3%; H Cecil, 20 from 83, 24.1%; M Stoute, 19 from 81, 23.5%; W O'Gorman, 5 from 30, 16.7%; W Jarvis, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 21 winners from 117 rides, 17.9%; L Dettori, 18 from 119, 15.1%; M Hills, 11 from 89, 12.4%; W Ryan, 18 from 146, 12.3%; D Harrison, 4 from 34, 11.8%

Captain Dibble to take command

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

CAPTAIN Dibble, laid out by Nigel Twiston-Davies for the Grand National, can gain some compensation for the Aintree fiasco by taking this afternoon's valuable Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown.

Six of the 13 runners in the final chasing showpiece of the season lined up and, to varying degrees, took part in the void race three weeks ago but Captain Dibble possesses all the necessary attributes to land today's £100,000 contest.

Like so many of Twiston-Davies's horses, the eight-year-old has kept his form remarkable well throughout the season and has continued to improve.

I was impressed with his jumping and style of running when he captured the Badger Beer Handicap Chase at Wincanton in November. Last season's Scottish National winner subsequently landed the SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot before arguably running his best race when finishing third behind Country Member in a valuable listed race at Sandown in February.

Proven over this distance, Captain Dibble has won on firm and soft ground and his versatility could prove crucial with the uncertainty about the weather.

In a typically competitive race, a strong case can be made for several runners, notably The Fellow who will be out to make up for his disappointing Gold Cup performance. Francois Doumen's French raider is the class runner in the field and has to shoulder 11st 13lb. Apart from Arkle, who successfully carried 12st 7lb, only four horses have won with such a high weight.

Cahervillahow, arguably the unluckiest horse in training, is well treated on his recent form. During his career Mouse Morris's Irish chaser has been second in the Ritz Club Handicap Chase at Cheltenham, third in the Hennessy, disqualified after winning this race two years ago, and second in the void National. He deserves a change in fortunes and his chances will increase with the rain.

The opposite applies to Docklands Express, who benefited from Cahervillahow's disqualification in 1991, while Garrison Savannah is without a win for two years despite a good run in this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup.

While the Whitbread marks for many the end of the jumps campaign, the Flat swings into overdrive with the first Derby trial. Tenby looks an ideal candidate for Epsom and has top-class form to match. Defeat in the Thresher Classic Trial will be a major surprise to Henry Cecil and the connections of Khaled Abdulla and he should oblige, albeit at short odds.

His stable companion Placerville has also been declared, but runs only if the going becomes soft.

Michael Stoute traditionally has his string in top gear in May (he boasts a 29 per cent strike rate in the month over the past five years) but his horses are already running well and Opera House is reported fit to do himself justice in the Gordon Richards Stakes.

Mizaaya, who hails from the same yard, ran his best race when carrying top weight into second place in the Lincoln. The Riverman colt looks just the sort to flourish as a four-year-old and he can justify the rise in the class in the listed Madagans Leicestershire Stakes.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MIZAAYA
(3.50 Leicester)
Next best: Opera House
(3.30 Sandown)



Confident vote: Cecil is optimistic Tenby will pass his classic trial at Sandown today

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.20 Montaya. 2.55 Tenby. 3.30 Opera House. 4.05 CAPTAIN DIBBLE (nap). 4.40 Barik. 5.15 Princess Oberon. 5.45 Vital Wonder.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.40 BARIK (nap). 5.15 Princess Oberon.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F 6YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 PIZZA HUT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,629: 5f 6yd) (15 runners)

101 (4) ALCOVE (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 ... L Piggott –
102 (5) CALLING (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) J Hills 9-0 ... A Munro –
103 (8) 0 LIVELY STREAM 14 (BF) (J Smith) J Eustace 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
104 (2) MISTER BLOY (H Hughes) J Berry 9-0 ... W Carson –
105 (7) 2 MONTAYA 9 (BF) (M Parrish) J Troy 9-0 ... A Genn –
106 (6) NONIOS (J Fleming) B Meehan 9-0 ... T Sprake –
107 (1) NO SPEECHES (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... D Biggs –
108 (12) PERSIAN AFFAIR (R Kelly) M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton (5) –
109 (13) PRINCE BABAR (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... W Hood –
110 (11) RICHARD'S ERROR (Rokhale Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 ... C Hawksley (7) –
111 (3) ROYAL CAPE (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 9-0 ... M Roberts –
112 (14) 6 SILVER WEDGE 14 (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-0 ... Pat Eddery –
113 (9) SMART FAMILY (A Elliot) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn –
114 (15) THE SPIVE (J Bridger) J Bridger 9-0 ... A Mackay –
115 (10) WICKLOW BOY (J Johnston) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Comber –

BETTING: 5-2 Silver Wedge, 4-1 Alcove, 11-2 Montaya, 7-1 Royal Cape, 8-1 Mister Bloy, 12-1 others.
1992: POWER OF POLLY 9-0 T Quinn (9-1) P Cole 11 ran

2.55 THRESHER CLASSIC TRIAL C4
(Group III: 3-Y-O: £29,376: 1m 2f 7yd) (9 runners)

201 (9) 111- TENBY 203 (F,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-4 ... Pat Eddery 99
202 (6) 14651-5 IOMMELLI 9 (C,G,S) (G Mazza) P Kelleway 8-11 ... D Biggs 82
203 (4) 3-1 MAJORITY 28 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11 ... M Roberts 84
204 (8) 110-3 PERFECT IMPOSTER 28 (G) (M Smurfit) J Bolger (Ire) 8-11 ... T Quinn 79
205 (1) 1-1 PLACERVILLE 9 (G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11 ... – 88
206 (2) 210-0 REDENHAM 9 (F) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 8-11 ... L Piggott 86
207 (3) 21- SHAIBA 176 (G) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 ... A Munro 79
208 (5) 14-2 TRUE HERO 17 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 ... R Cochrane 89
209 (7) 411-3 VISTO SI STAMPI 17 (G,S) (Genecon Italia) J Dunlop 8-11 ... W Carson 87

☐ Placerville runs only if the ground becomes soft

BETTING: 4-6 Tenby, 9-2 Redenham, 7-1 Shaiba, 14-1 True Hero, 16-1 Perfect Imposter, Majority, 20-1 others.
1992: POLLEN COUNT 8-11 S Cauthen (5-1) J Gosden 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TENBY beat Blush Rambler 2½l in 11-runner group I Ciga Grand Criterium at Longchamp (1m, soft). MAJORITY beat Yahmi ¾l in 10-runner Doncaster (1m 2f, good to firm) maiden. PLACERVILLE beat Desert Team ½l in 9-runner listed race at Newmarket (1m 1f, good) with IOMMELLI (same terms) over 2l 5th. REDENHAM over 5l 8th of 9 to Emperor Jones in group III Craven Stakes at Newmarket (1m, good). SHAIBA beat Kamak neck in 9-runner Newmarket (1m, good) stakes race. TRUE HERO head 2nd of 6 to Beneficial in Ripon (1m 1f, good) stakes race with VISTO SI STAMPI (same terms) 7l 3rd.
Selection: TENBY

3.30 TGI FRIDAY'S GORDON RICHARDS EBF STAKES C4
(Group III: £21,519: 1m 2f 7yd) (7 runners)

301 (6) 131516- MASAD 189 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Zanocchio) L Cumani 4-9-3 ... R Cochrane 87
302 (2) 202180- GREAT PALM 223 (D,G) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-1 ... A Munro 90
303 (7) 116231- OPERA HOUSE 212 (CD,F,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 5-9-1 ... M Roberts 95
304 (1) 210234- RUBY TIGER 188 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Stacker) P Cole 6-8-12 ... T Quinn 95
305 (3) 5140-51 BOLDARDO 10 (F,S) (B Vaal) C Britain 4-8-10 ... W Carson 88
306 (4) 1/34310- SILVER WISP 273 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 4-8-10 ... Pat Eddery 99
307 (5) 0160-21 YOUNG BUSTER 18 (D,F,G) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 5-8-10 ... L Piggott 98

BETTING: 11-4 Opera House, 3-1 Young Buster, 4-1 Masad, Silver Wisp, 11-2 Ruby Tiger, 10-1 others.
1992: DEAR DOCTOR 5-9-1 C Asmussen (6-1) J Hammond (Fr) 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASAD 5l 6th of 10 to Rodrigo De Triano in group I Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). GREAT PALM over 30l 6th of 8 to Dr Devious in group I Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown (1m 2f, good to soft). Earlier beat Sharpitor neck in group II race at Deauville (1m 2f, soft). OPERA HOUSE beat Red Bishop 1½l in 5-runner group III Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, soft). Earlier 6½l 3rd of 8 to St Jovite in group I King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) with SILVER WISP about 10l 7th. RUBY TIGER 1½l 3rd of 12 to Hatoof in 12-runner group II Ciga Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp (1m 1f 55yd, soft). SILVER WISP best form when 2l 3rd of 18 to Dr Devious in group I Ever Ready Derby at Epsom (1m 4f 10yd, good) with GREAT PALM (5lb worse off) under 10l 8th. YOUNG BUSTER beat Break Bread 1½l in 5-runner Pontefract (1m 2f 6yd, good) stakes race.
Selection: OPERA HOUSE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	16	63	25.4	D Biggs	5	26	19.2
G Harwood	18	77	23.4	Pat Eddery	42	232	18.1
L Cumani	10	50	20.0	R Cochrane	22	135	16.3
J Gosden	8	44	18.2	T Quinn	20	124	16.1
M Stoute	22	127	17.3	M Roberts	30	192	15.6
M Channon	6	35	17.1	W Carson	28	205	13.7

4.05 37th WHITBREAD GOLD CUP C4
(Grade III: handicap chase: £57,400: 3m 5f 110yds) (13 runners)

401 0-11314 THE FELLOW 37 (BF,G,S) (Marquesa de Moratalla) F Doumen (Fr) 8 11-13 ... A Kondrat 90
402 363261 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 23 (CD,F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 11-11-5 ... J Osborne 98
403 11415P SIBTON ABBEY 12 (F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-12 ... S Smith Eccles 98
404 P-F5320 GARRISON SAVANNAH 37 (B,G,S) (Autolour Eng) Mrs J Pitman 10 10-9 ... M Pitman 90
405 101533 CAPTAIN DIBBLE 77 (F,G,S) (Mrs R Vaughan) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-5 ... C Llewellyn 92
406 420530 CAHERVILLAHOW 37 (G,S) (Mrs M Valentine) M Morris (Ire) 9-10-1 ... C Swan 99
407 UP3P01 TOPSHAM BAY 29 (CD,F,G,S) (E Parker) D Barons 10-10-0 ... R Dunwoody 83
408 311UP-2 DAVID'S DUKY 11 (G,S) (P Lambe) J White 11-10-0 ... N Williamson 78
409 3-12P11 GIVUS A BUCK 39 (B,F,G,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 10-10-0 ... P Holley 85
410 133501 ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 42 (C,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 12-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 83
411 2-41125 FIDDLERS PIKE 35 (D,S) (Mrs R Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 12 10-0 Mrs R Henderson 83
412 41102P FIFTH AMENDMENT 7 (B,F,G,S) (T Ponsonby) Mrs F Walwyn 8-10-0 ... B de Haan 84
413 1F0PPU OVER THE DEEL 23 (F,G,S) (P Piller) P Chaesbrough 7-10-0 ... K Johnson –

Long handicap: David's Duky 9-0, Givus A Buck 9-0, Rowlandsons Jewels 9-0, Fiddlers Pike 8-12, Fifth Amendment 8-8, Over The Deel 7-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Docklands Express, 4-1 Garrison Savannah, 5-1 The Fellow, 11-2 Captain Dibble, 6-1 Cahervillahow, 8-1 Topsham Bay, 12-1 Sibton Abbey, 16-1 Givus A Buck, 20-1 Rowlandsons Jewels, 66-1 others.
1992: TOPSHAM BAY 9-10-1 H Davies (9-2) D Barons 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE FELLOW 9½l 4th of 16 to Jodami in grade I Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2f, good to firm) with SIBTON ABBEY (15lb better off) 4l 5th, DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (8lb better off) ¾l 6th, GARRISON SAVANNAH (18lb better off) 12l 7th, TOPSHAM BAY distant 12th and CAHERVILLAHOW 13th. Earlier beat Pat's Jester 6l in 8-runner grade I King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft) with DOCKLANDS EXPRESS distant 5th. DOCKLANDS EXPRESS beat Run For Free 1½l in 4-runner grade II Martell Cup Chase at Aintree (3m 1f, good to firm).

CAPTAIN DIBBLE best form when beating Minnehoma 2½l in 8-runner Ascot (3m 110yd, soft) handicap chase with ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (4lb better off) 20l 3rd.
TOPSHAM BAY beat Royle Speedmaster 7l in 2-runner Newbury (3m 2f, firm) handicap chase. Won this race last year (good to firm), beating Arctic Call 2½l with ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (1lb better off) 10l 4th. GIVUS A BUCK beat Country Member short-head in 7-runner Cheltenham (3m 1f, good) handicap chase.
Selection: DOCKLANDS EXPRESS

4.40 COUNTRY CLUB HOTELS RATED STAKES C4
(Handicap: 3-Y-O: £12,766: 1m 14yd) (13 runners)

501 (12) 031- CONEYBURY 207 (G) (R Sangster) L Cumani 9-7 ... R Cochrane 83
502 (2) 1010-6 NEW CAPRICORN 21 (F,G) (K Bhatia) M Jarvis 9-5 ... Pat Eddery 86
503 (7) -852102 SALBUS 21 (V,D,G) (Foster Travel Ltd) S Dow 9-3 ... C Rutter 93
504 (1) 401-1 BARIK 12 (D,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-1 ... W Carson 99
505 (13) 231-151 EASTERN MEMORIES 8 (D,F,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-1 ... D Gibbs (7) 91
506 (4) 1200-4 AZHAR 22 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-1 ... M Roberts 94
507 (11) 614026- TOP PET 185 (F) (Miss A Valentine) R Akehurst 8-13 ... T Quinn 91
508 (5) 2433-16 EMBANKMENT 11 (D,F) (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 8-12 ... Mark Denaro (7) 93
509 (8) 016- GUSTAVIA 203 (C,G) (Mrs R Armstrong) R Armstrong 8-10 ... L Piggott 93
510 (6) 123003- REGAL AURA 180 (F) (Skytraders Racing) G Harwood 8-10 ... A Munro 89
511 (9) 21420-4 BRANDONHURST 21 (F) (R Michaelson) I Balding 8-10 ... S O'Gorman 90
512 (10) 3511-41 ABERDEEN HEATHER 21 (D) (H Cayzer) D Elsworth 8-9 ... B Doyle (5) 97
513 (3) 4232-2 PATSY GRIMES 16 (J Grimes) M Muggeridge 8-7 ... A Mackay 98

Long handicap: Patsy Grimes 7-6.

BETTING: 8-11 Barik, 5-1 Eastern Memories, 13-2 Coneybury, 10-1 Top Pet, 12-1 Azhar, Brandonhurst, 14-1 Aberdeen Heather, 16-1 Embankment, Regal Aura, Salbus, 20-1 others.
1992: IREK 8-5 M Roberts (15-8 fav) Lord Huntingdon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CONEYBURY beat Suntara 4l in 9-runner Brighton (6f 209yd, good) maiden. BARIK beat Umbubuzi ½l in 10-runner Nottingham (1m 54yd, good) handicap. EASTERN MEMORIES beat Lyford Cay 2l in 12-runner Newbury (1m, good) handicap. AZHAR 7l 4th of 7 to Enrolink Thunder in 7-runner Kempton (1m, good to soft) stakes race. ABERDEEN HEATHER beat SALBUS (4lb worse off) neck in 5-runner Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) stakes race. PATSY GRIMES ¾l 2nd of 7 to Alyakkh in Brighton (7f 214yd, good) maiden.
Selection: ABERDEEN HEATHER (nap)

5.15 LANSBURY HOTELS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,508: 5f 6yd) (7 runners)

601 (1) 00810-4 ARADANZA 25 (CD,F,S) (Mrs P Lewis) M Channon 9-7 ... Pat Eddery 91
602 (7) 3314-2 PRINCESS OBERON 9 (CD,F) (R Michaelson) M Bell 8-11 ... M Fenton (5) 99
603 (3) 30-2 AGHAR 11 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) D Elsworth 8-7 ... M Roberts 97
604 (4) 251310- SIMPLY SOOTY 196 (D,S) (Mrs S Joint) B Millman 8-5 ... B Doyle (5) 97
605 (2) 150000- SOBER LAD 201 (D,G) (F Viner) J Berry 8-0 ... W Carson 88
606 (6) 01-6 JOBIE 8 (CD,G) (J Redmond) W Haggas 8-0 ... A Munro 97
607 (5) 66106-1 MAGIC ORB 16 (D,G) (M Olden) J Spearing 7-8 ... A Mackay 97

BETTING: 2-1 Princess Oberon, 9-2 Magic Orb, 5-1 Aradanza, 6-1 Aghar, 8-1 Simply Sooty, 10-1 others.
1992: FREDDIE LLOYD 8-4 J Tate (14-1) N Callaghan 13 ran

5.45 RACING WELFARE SUPREME NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£3,680: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

1 10 LARGE ACTION 38 (G) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 5-11-6 ... J McCarthy (5) –
2 130 MR PICKPOCKET 38 (S) (Mrs J Foster) J Akehurst 5-11-6 ... D O'Sullivan (3) –
3 4 NICHOLAS JAMES 17 (C Freed) G Balding 5-11-2 ... R Davis (5) –
4 20 PUKKA SAHIB 74 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 6-11-2 ... P Moore (7) –
5 3 RAGTIME BOY 28 (R Barwell) C Barwell 5-11-2 ... B Clifford –
6 002 TRYING AGAIN 17 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-11-2 ... D Meade (7) –
7 03 VITAL WONDER 42 (P Hammond) D Elsworth 5-11-2 ... A Procter (5) –
8 1 DAPHNIS 12 (S) (Shaikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) C Egerton 4-11 1 Mr J Durkan –
9 041 DIAMOND PROSPECTOR 26 (F) (M Bletsoe) A Hide 4-11-1 ... Miss A Harwood (3) –
10 14 MY ROSSINI 12 (BF,G) (Mrs C Eaton) P Bevan 4-11-1 ... D Fortt (7) –
11 10 OVERLORD 38 (S) (D Deer) W Muir 4-11-1 ... D Geoghegan (5) –
12 22 SPIRIT IN THE NITE 28 (BF) (Mrs T Pilkington) J Gifford 4-10-11 ... P Hide (5) –
13 2 FOREST PRIDE 17 (Mrs I Steinmann) K Bailey 4-10-6 ... G Bazin (7) –

BETTING: 6-4 Daphnis, 5-1 Spirit In The Nite, 6-1 Forest Pride, 10-1 Overlord, 12-1 Large Action, 16-1 others.
1992: WELLWOTDOUTHINK 6-11-0 R Hodge (5-2 fav) Mrs M Reveley 11 ran

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

SANDOWN PARK
C4

2.55: Tenby will have to run away with this if he is to justify the short prices quoted about him for the Derby. His opponents do not appear particularly talented but the 7lb he has to concede makes this an interesting test for him. Michael Roberts was impressed by Majority's Doncaster victory and spurns Shaiba to continue the partnership. True Hero should again account for Visto Si Stampi.

3.30: *Silver Wisp can start* his four-year-old campaign on a winning note. Third in the Derby last year, he was below par when disappointing in the King George at Ascot and can take revenge on Opera House, who was third. Opera House is penalised 5lb for his group two victory in Ireland and *may need the outing*, as he did last season when third in this race. Young Buster looks dangerous.

4.05: The Fellow may find it difficult to concede the weight, so **Docklands Express** can repeat his victory of two years ago. The 11-year-old recently confirmed his well-being with a level-weight defeat of Run For Free, form which reads all the better for the latter's Scottish National victory last *Saturday. Cahervillahow* has a fine chance on paper but has failed to recapture his best form after missing last term with injury. Topsham Bay, last year's winner, has again come good at the right time.

4.40: Barik was pulled out of yesterday's Forte Conditions Stakes to tackle this handicap and is difficult to oppose. He could not have won more easily in handicap company on his seasonal debut.

JULIAN MUSCAT

RIPON

THUNDERER
2.10 Tenpin Prophet. 2.40 White Creek. 3.10 Master Foodbroker. 3.45 Call Me I'm Blue. 4.15 Ribhi. 4.45 Smarginato. 5.20 Kassbaan.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST; 1M, HIGH NUMBERS

2.10 TOPCLIFFE MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,348: 5f) (11 runners)

1 BUSTLE'EM W Elsey 8-11 ... G Duffield 11
2 DANCE OF THE SWANS P Haslam 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 4
3 DESIRE'S DREAM M Brittain 8-11 ... M Wigham 10
4 HOTCROFT R Whitaker 8-11 ... A Culhane 5
5 MY LIFETIME LADY R Hollinshead 8-11 ... S Perks 3
6 ORIENTAL AIR E Weymes 8-11 ... W Newnes 7
7 RANDONNEUR J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 9
8 SINNERS REPRIEVE M H Easterby 8-11 ... K Darley 1
9 SOTTISES S McMahon 8-11 ... J Fortune 8
10 TENPIN PROPHET B Rothwell 8-11 ... D Holland 2
11 TITANIA'S DANCE M Bell 8-11 ... R Hills 6

5-2 Titania's Dance, 5-1 Sinners Reprieve, 11-2 Randonneur, 7-1 Tenpin Prophet, 8-1 Oriental Air, 9-1 Dance Of The Swans, 10-1 My Lifetime Lady, 12-1 others.

2.40 ALDBOROUGH SELLING STAKES
(£2,637: 1m 2f) (24)

1 16-0 DEPUTY TIM 16 (F,G,S) R Bastiman 10-10-0 H Bastiman (7) 14
2 130- HENBURY HALL 12J (G) M Barraclough 5-10-0 ... D Holland 13
3 0-00 HILLZAH 5 (F,G) R Bastiman 5-10-0 ... Dean McKeown 10
4 100- LODESTAR 14J (D,F) N Tinkler 5-10-0 ... Kim Tinkler 6
5 305- NOT YET 158J (D,F,G) E Weymes 9-10-0 ... S Wynne (5) 4
6 500- AFFIRMED'S DESTINY 30J (B) W Clay 4-9-10 ... S Perks 8
7 DELPIOMBO 12J Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-9-10 ... K Fallon 18
8 0-04 GOLD SURPRISE 11 S Kettlewell 4-9-10 ... J Fortune 21
9 -003 HOT PUNCH 10 P Calver 4-9-10 ... W Newnes 19
10 400- MASTER OF THE ROCK 12J (B) Mrs P Barker 4-9-10 ... B Raymond 24
11 824/0 ANFIELD SALLY 10 Mrs P Barker 7-9-9 ... Paul Eddery 22
12 534- GAY MING 177 (D,F) R Hollinshead 4-9-9 ... J Dennis (7) 20
13 040/0 ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 16 B McMahon 4-9-5 ... R Hills 3
14 40-0 DOUBLE SHERRY 16 R Whitaker 4-9-5 ... A Culhane 1
15 50-6 HATAAL 23 (V) J Balding 4-9-5 ... Claire Balding (7) 5
16 660- PRINCESS OF ORANGE 177 W Brisbourne 4-9-5. S Webster 7
17 0400/ RUN MILADY 12J Mrs S Austin 5-9-5 ... D Wilkinson 9
18 STRATHELLA 414J J Eyre 6-9-5 ... D Pears 15
19 0-04 WHITE CREEK 11 (V) J Berry 3-8-6 ... J Carroll 17
20 3 A BADGE TOO FAR 16 J Scargill 3-8-1 ... G Hind 23
21 00-0 BODY LANGUAGE 21 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-1 ... G Carter 2
22 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY M H Easterby 3-8-1 ... K Darley 11
23 44-0 PETITE JESS 5 T Mills 3-8-1 ... N Carlisle 12
24 VELVET HEART P Haslam 3-8-1 ... E Johnson 16

7-2 Hillzah, 11-2 Master Of The Rock, 13-2 Body Language, 7-1 Petite Jess, 9-1 Delpiombo, 10-1 Gay Ming, 12-1 Gold Surprise, 14-1 Hot Punch 16-1 others.

3.10 C B HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP
(£7,765: 2m) (14)

1 0331- SARAWAT 183 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-0 ... W Newnes 9
2 546- GOOD HAND 183 (CD,F,G) J Watts 7-9-13 ... N Connorton 3
3 2-31 JACK BUTTON 14 (D,F,S) Bob Jones 4-9-12 ... G Duffield 14
4 0-05 LABURNUM 10 (G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-8 ... K Fallon 6
5 018- OUR AISLING 197 (D,F,G) S Norton 5-9-8 ... O Pears (5) 11
6 -611 MASTER FOODBROKER 8 (B,D,G) W Musson 5-9-6 ... D McCabe (7) 1
7 2-33 DEDUCE 18 G Wragg 4-9-2 ... Paul Eddery 8
8 120- NIJMEGEN 17J (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-1 ... B Raymond 7
9 16-5 BOLD RESOLUTION 18 (D,G,S) C Cyzer 5-9-0 ... G Carter 5
10 031-1 SNOW BOARD 29 (D,F,G) B Hills 4-8-11 ... D Holland 2
11 23-1 GREY POWER 25 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-9 ... K Darley 13
12 52-42 HOT STAR 16 (S) G Moore 7-8-0 ... J Fanning 12
13 042- DOMINANT SERENADE 23J M Hammond 4-7-7 ... S Wood 4
14 /5-22 CHANTRY BARTLE 18 (F) C Thornton 7-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 10

9-2 Snow Board, 6-1 Bold Resolution, 13-2 Nijmegen, 7-1 Master Foodbroker, Deduce, 8-1 Laburnum, 9-1 Dominant Serenade, 10-1 others.

Blinkered first time
Leicester: 3.20 Busman. Ripon: 2.40 White Creek, 3.45 Friendly Brave, 4.15 Totally Unique.

3.45 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP
(3-Y-O. £3,980: 6f) (18)

1 50-0 RAIN SPLASH 16 (B) J Balding 9-7 ... Claire Balding (7) 2
2 5-30 FRIENDLY BRAVE 14 (B) T Mills 9-4 ... W Newnes 8
3 340- MARGARET'S GIFT 231 (S) J Berry 9-3 ... J Carroll 1
4 312- SPECIAL ONE 257 (B) J Hills 9-2 ... R Hills 7
5 204- KENNEDYS PRIMA 222 A Scott 9-0 ... B Raymond 11
6 418- FOR THE PRESENT 287 (D,F) T Barron 8-13 ... Alex Greaves 9
7 3-31 ASHGORE 8 (D,G) M Johnston 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 17
8 1132 HERSHEBAR 10 (BF,B,D) S Bowring 8-9 ... G Strange (7) 13
9 10- CALL ME I'M BLUE 198 (D,G) N Tinkler 8-9 ... N Carlisle 16
10 60-1 MY GODSON 10 (B,F,S) B Beasley 8-9 ... D Pears (5) 10
11 06-3 HOTARIA 16 (CD,S) R Whitaker 8-8 ... A Culhane 14
12 20-4 GLEN MILLER 16 (B) J Payne 8-7 ... G Duffield 18
13 30-4 TTYFRAN 14 F Lee 8-5 ... R Lappin 5
14 0-32 MILBANK CHALLENGER 11 (V) M H Easterby 8-3 ... K Darley 3
15 06-3 DAYJUZ 16 (BF) F Lee 8-2 ... G Carter 4
16 20-5 TEXAS COWGIRL 36 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-0 ... D Wright (7) 12
17 400- MAKE MINE A DOUBLE 229 (C,F) Miss S Hall 7-13 A McGlone 15
18 03-4 COVENT GARDEN GIRL 10 M W Easterby 7-11 ... S Wood 6

4-1 Milbank Challenger, 6-1 My Godson, 13-2 Call Me I'm Blue, 7-1 Hotaria, 8-1 Hershebar, Ashgore, 9-1 Special One, 12-1 For The Present, 16-1 others.

4.15 LANGTHORPE RATED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £6,616: 1m 2f) (13)

1 15-0 HEATHYARDS BOY 14 (S) R Hollinshead 9-7 ... S Perks 9
2 316- FORTENSKY 191 (S) L Cumani 9-6 ... J Weaver (3) 4
3 41-0 RAPID REPEAT 14 (S) Mrs J Cecil 9-4 ... Paul Eddery 13
4 24-1 RIBHI 21 (F) D Morley 9-1 ... R Hills 11
5 3-31 RIVER NORTH 16 (D,G) Lady Herries 8-13 ... K Darley 2
6 00-1 SEEK THE PEARL 22 (D,F) J Fanshawe 8-13 ... G Duffield 7
7 101- THE SEER 185 (F,S) B Hills 8-13 ... D Holland 5
8 321- NICO MIKE 187 (S) M Jarvis 8-12 ... W Newnes 12
9 11-5 MHEMEANLES 9 (F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-11 ... K Fallon 8
10 012- ANAXAGORAS 185 (S) A Scott 8-10 ... B Raymond 1
11 430- TOTALLY UNIQUE 247 (V) M Bell 8-9 ... J Carroll 3
12 03-1 MAGICAL RETREAT 12 (D,S) C Cyzer 8-7 ... G Carter 6
13 10-1 DUTOSKY 30 (D,F,S) R Williams 8-7 ... N Connorton 10

4-1 Dutosky, 9-2 Ribhi, The Seer, 13-2 Magical Retreat, 8-1 others.

4.45 ROECLIFFE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,882: 1m) (14)

1 621- DANCE TO ORDER 135 M Prescott 9-7 ... G Duffield 14
2 0-42 UMBUBUZI 12 (G) F Lee 9-4 ... S Perks 10
3 2-21 SMARGINATO 9 (CD,S) J Dunlop 9-4 ... G Carter 4
4 610- CUBIST 182 (S) D Morley 9-4 ... Paul Eddery 6
5 -232 PANTHER 3 J Hetherton 8-11 ... W Newnes 3
6 64-6 SOLOMON'S DANCER 14 W Haigh 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 13
7 40-3 CREDIT SQUEEZE 28 (F) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ... A Tucker (3) 12
8 400- NORLING 182 (G) N Tinkler 8-7 ... Kim Tinkler 1
9 40-5 CHOUETTE 11 W Musson 8-4 ... D McCabe (7) 9
10 661- NORTHERN CHIEF 172 (D,S) M H Easterby 8-3 ... K Darley 2
11 50-0 HAZARD A GUESS 17 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 ... K Fallon 8
12 0-12 HOT OFF THE PRESS 11 (F) R Whitaker 7-9 ... J Penza 11
13 0-00 PETITE LOUIE 16 T Mills 7-7 ... N Carlisle 5
14 000- BARDIA 210 D Incisa 7-7 ... Claire Balding (7) 7

7-2 Hot Off The Press, 4-1 Umbubuzi, Panther, 9-2 Smarginato, 5-1 Credit Squeeze, 10-1 Dance To Order, 12-1 Northern Chief, 16-1 others.

5.20 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,669: 1m 2f) (11)

1 05- AMIARGE 198 M Brittain 9-0 ... M Wigham 1
2 00-0 CIRCUS COLOURS 12 J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Newnes 4
3 0 FARANDOLE 18 J Fanshawe 9-0 ... G Duffield 7
4 0-5 HALMANERROR 10 W Elsey 9-0 ... J Carroll 5
5 2-5 KASSBAAN 16 A Scott 9-0 ... B Raymond 11
6 0- MOUNT ROSE 176 L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver (3) 8
7 5 RISING WOLF 18 G Wragg 9-0 ... K Fallon 6
8 00- BLUSHING BARADA 205 A Scott 8-9 ... J Fortune 3
9 SAVOY TRUFFLE H Cecil 8-9 ... A McGlone 9
10 50- SHIRLEY ROSE 175 M Johnston 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 10
11 TUSCANIA D Incisa 8-9 ... Kim Tinkler 2

9-4 Savoy Truffle, 3-1 Kassbaan, 5-1 Mount Rose, 7-1 Halmanerror, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 20 winners from 36 runners, 55.6%; J Dunlop, 7 from 21, 33.3%; L Cumani, 8 from 25, 32.0%; D Morley, 6 from 22, 27.3%; G Wragg, 5 from 19, 26.3%; B Hills, 8 from 32, 25.0%.
JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 9 winners from 50 rides, 18.0%; G Carter, 11 from 68, 16.2%; K Darley, 21 from 134, 15.7%; J Carroll, 11 from 84, 13.1%; W Newnes, 3 from 25, 12.0%; S Perks, 6 from 53, 11.3%.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER
2.15 Not So Soon. 2.45 Raawi. 3.20 Boston Rover. 3.55 Miliyel. 4.25 Highland Spirit. 4.55 Dolikos. 5.25 Walton Thorns.

Private Handicapper's top rating:
4.25 HIGHLAND SPIRIT.

GOING: GOOD

2.15 WHITE SWAN NOVICES CHASE
(£3,210: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 1U1P THE RED ONE 12 (F,S) P Haley 9-12-0 ... G Bradley
2 1PP2 NOT SO SOON 12 (S) K Bailey 8-11-10 ... J Railton
3 -5P0 RAPID BOY 14 Mrs E Scott 9-11-4 ... P Niven
4 -382 REVILLER'S GLORY 12 P Beaumont 9-11-4 ... C Hawkins
5 3035 SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 7 (F,S) T Bill 10-11-4 ... M Hourigan (3)
6 P223 DISTANT CHERRY 12 D Lee 8-10-13 ... D Murphy
7 28PP PASSAGE TO FREEDOM 24 Mrs S Lamyman 11-10-13 ... D Telfer

11-10 The Red One, 3-1 Not So Soon, 5-1 Reviller's Glory, 10-1 Distant Cherry, Solicitor's Choice, 20-1 others.

2.45 GEORGE INN SELLING HURDLE
(£1,764: 2m 5f 110yd) (13)

1 66P2 WILTOSKI 30 (V,F) I Campbell 5-12-5 ... R Campbell
2 2-84 ARR EFF BEE 14 (B,G) J Smith 6-12-0 ... D Leahy (5)
3 P4P3 RAAWI 12 (F) J Glover 5-12-0 ... R Garritty
4 0222 RHOMAN COIN 14 (B,S) B Rothwell 5-12-0 ... G Cahill (7)
5 00PP LA PERSET 12 (B,C,F) B Richmond 5-11-9 ... D Murphy
6 0881 BENTLEY MANOR 17 (D,G) J Upson 4-11-7 ... Mr T Byrne (7)
7 6044 CAREFREE TIMES 12 (V) J Norton 6-11-7 ... W Fry (7)
8 8446 DEVIL'S SOUL 12 J Parkes 5-11-7 ... N Smith
9 0500 FELL WARDEN 45 J Hellens 5-11-7 ... A Larnach (3)
10 INFERRING 607F J Wainwright 5-11-7 ... P Midgley (5)
11 605F POINT TAKEN 26 K Morgan 6-11-7 ... A S Smith
12 P00 RESISTING 12 (B) M Chapman 5-11-7 ... W Worthington
13 5244 PAPER CLIP 29 (B) J Cresswell 4-10-9 ... T Eley (5)

7-2 Wiltoski, 9-2 Rhoman Coin, 5-1 Raawi, 7-1 Bentley Manor, 8-1 Paper Clip, 10-1 Arr Eff Bee, 12-1 Fell Warden, 14-1 Inferring, 16-1 others.

3.20 JOHN INGLE BIG SIX O HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,965: 2m 4f) (15)

1 F2F0 FLIGHT HILL 112 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 ... P Niven
2 3103 ICARUS 11 (V,CD,F,G) M H Easterby 7-11-13 ... L Wyer
3 11F1 BOSTON ROVER 7 (C,D,F,G,S) D Brennan 8-11-2 ... M Brennan
4 4U12 PERSIAN HOUSE 7 (C,D,F,G,S) J Jefferson 6-11-2 ... M Dwyer
5 33P5 CLEVER FOLLY 19 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 13-10-13 ... N Doughty
6 4222 TRES AMIGOS 21 (F,S) J Johnson 6-10-7 ... A Larnach (3)
7 2F34 STEPFASTER 29 (D,F,G) P Cheesbrough 8-10-5 ... Mr A Thornton (3)
8 4552 ON YOUR WAY 12 (B,D,G,S) J Leigh 11-10-0 ... R Marley
9 0-41 LADY TOKEN 45 (C,F,G) H Gill 9-10-0 ... C Hawkins
10 35/F COMETTI STAR 24 (F) J Wharton 9-10-0 ... S J O'Neill
11 UP-0 DIE IN THE SKY 43 (F) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 12-10-0 ... B Dalton (7)
12 3155 BILL AND COUP 28 (C,D,F,G) K Morgan 8-10-0 ... A S Smith
13 0-P0 IMPERTAIN 26 (D,F) W Cunningham 13-10-0 ... N Smith
14 3223 RUPPLES 12 (C,F) M Chapman 6-10-0 ... W Worthington
15 PP0P CALMATA 12 Lady Ann Bowlby 12-10-0 ... M Hourigan (3)

9-2 Persian House, 5-1 Tres Amigos, 6-1 Stepfaster, 7-1 Boston Rover, 8-1 Icarus, 10-1 Flight Hill, 12-1 Clever Folly, 14-1 Lady Token, 16-1 others.

3.55 CHASE JUVENILE CLAIMING HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £2,162: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 1213 MILIYEL 14 (D,G) Miss G Kelleway 11-7 ... M Foster
2 1334 ALLIMAC NOMIS 10F (CD,BF,F) I Campbell 11-0 ... R Campbell
3 0222 HALLO MAM 35 (BF) O Brennan 10-13 ... M Brennan
4 0 THRILL SEEKER 14 M Tompkins 10-13 ... D Murphy
5 PP0 HOT PROSPECT 66 Mrs P Russell 10-3 ... N Smith

2-1 Miliyel, 3-1 Allimac Nomis, 9-2 Hallo Mam, 5-1 Thrill Seeker, 50-1 Hot Prospect.

4.25 KINGS HEAD MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,565: 2m 3f 110yd) (10)

1 2110 ARDLUSSA BAY 14 (BF,G,S) J Jefferson 5-11-10 ... M Dwyer
2 0112 HIGHLAND SPIRIT 8 (D,BF,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-10 ... M Foster
3 5055 ATTYRE 36 J Dalton 6-11-0 ... W McFarland
4 /F5/ CAWSTON BAY 964 J Norton 8-11-0 ... P Harley
5 0040 CORAL PINK 14 K Bailey 6-11-0 ... Mr M Armytage
6 4055 GLENSTAL PRIORY 18 F Gibson 6-11-0 ... F Perratt (7)
7 6 JAYEFFTEE 10 J Upson 9-11-0 ... J James (7)
8 QUALITAIR RHYTHM 11F I Campbell 5-11-0 ... R Campbell
9 SIERRA SNOW 1341F K Morgan 8-11-0 ... M Brennan
10 220 SAFARI PARK 175 B Rothwell 4-10-7 ... L Wyer

9-4 Highland Spirit, 11-4 Ardlussa Bay, 7-2 Qualitair Rhythm, 8-1 Coral Pink, 12-1 Sierra Snow, 16-1 Safari Park, 25-1 others.

4.55 RED LION NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,132: 2m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 /1133 REGGAE BEAT 25 (F,G) I Campbell 8-11-11 ... R Campbell
2 -411 DOLIKOS 14 (S) J Jefferson 6-11-3 ... M Dwyer
3 /4541 DRUMSTICK 12 (CD,F,S) K Bailey 7-10-5 ... Mr M Armytage
4 334-0 UNPAID MEMBER 87 (F) J Wharton 9-10-3 ... S J O'Neill
5 P264 SPOONHILL WOOD 12 J Wharton 7-10-0 ... B Dalton (7)
6 3350 FLING IN SPRING 21 (B) J McConnochie 7-10-0 ... M Foster
7 0825 SOCIAL CLIMBER 21 (G,S) A Turnell 9-10-0 ... S McNeill
8 0P0- EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 485 Mrs S Lamyman 10-10-0 D Telfer
9 4650 KILDONAN 26 B Rothwell 6-10-0 ... W McFarland
10 P08U NORMEAD LASS 12 Miss P Hall 5-10-0 ... R Marley
11 3353 NISHONA 12 (F,S) M H Easterby 5-10-0 ... L Wyer
12 F-54 TRAVELLER'S TRIP 47 (S) J Mackie 12-10-0 ... T Eley (5)
13 2P23 OUR SURVIVOR 14 (F) J Parkes 9-10-0 ... N Smith

7-2 Reggae Beat, 9-2 Dolikos, 5-1 Drumstick, 7-1 Social Climber, 8-1 Spoonhill Wood, 10-1 Unpaid Member, 12-1 Traveller's Trip, Our Survivor, 16-1 others.

5.25 GORDON ARMS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£2,103: 1m 5f 110yd) (20)

1 1 EARLY DRINKER 60 O Sherwood 5-12-0 ... M Berry (7)
2 10 BROCTUNE BAY 84 (BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-9 ... Mr M Buckley (5)
3 AXEL M Tompkins 6-11-7 ... P Smith Eccles (7)
4 WALTON THORNS C Egerton 5-11-7 ... Mr A Thornton (3)
5 ABALENE J Mackie 4-11-2 ... T Eley (5)
6 AWAY GAME C Brooks 5-11-2 ... Mr Raymond White
7 5 CAPICHE 28 J Etherington 4-11-2 ... W Dwan (5)
8 5 CLERIC ON BROADWAY 152 S Kettlewell 5-11-2 A Larnach (3)
9 EASY LIFE D Cantillon 4-11-2 ... D Walsh (5)
10 0 FORTUNATA 12 Lady Ann Bowlby 5-11-2 ... N Leach (7)
11 GALLOW'S DALE GIRL C Beever 5-11-2 ... B Dalton (7)
12 MASTER BRACKEN T Barron 4-11-2 ... Mr T Jenks (5)
13 MISCHIEVOUS GIRL R Tate 5-11-2 ... Mrs F Needham
14 0 MOMENT OF PASSION 12 F Jestin 5-11-2 ... Miss F Barnes
15 0 NAUPLIOS 43 J Thorpe 4-11-2 ... Annette Billany (7)
16 0 NEPAL STAR 12 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-2 ... F Leahy (7)
17 SHARP PERFORMER K Bailey 4-11-2 ... Mr M Armytage
18 STANMAR LAD D Esden 4-11-2 ... J James (7)
19 2 WORLD WITHOUT END 12 S Norton 4-11-2 ... D Bentley (5)
20 0 LADY ROSEMOUNT 32 J Pickering 4-10-11 ... S D Williams (3)

4-1 Early Drinker, 5-1 Broctune Bay, 6-1 Axel, 7-1 Nepal Star, 8-1 World Without End, 10-1 Walton Thorns, 12-1 Away Game, 14-1 Capiche, 16-1 others.

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THUNDERER
5.25 Bossburg. 5.50 Attadale. 6.20 Light Veneer. 6.50 Royal Jester. 7.20 Sacrosanct. 7.50 Meritmoore.

Brian Beel: 6.50 Royal Jester.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

5.25 CHESTERS STUD MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE
(£1,436: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 30P3 BOSSBURG 17 (B) D McCain 6-11-0 ... Mr D McCain (5)
2 5F50 DIZZY DEALER 12 Mrs J Jordan 6-11-0 ... S Taylor (7)
3 3043 DOLITINO 3 Miss Z Green 9-11-0 ... C Grant
4 -R00 ELISSA 12 G Kelly 7-11-0 ... Mr C Mulhall
5 4/42F GONE ASTRAY 171 (S) F Walton 8-11-0 ... B Storey
6 0341 KAMART 26 (CD,F) M Barnes 5-11-0 ... P Waggott (5)
7 0/ MEIGLE STREET 1144 J Haldane 8-11-0 ... A Merrigan
8 -00U SCALLY'S LADY 40 S Pittendrigh 8-11-0 ... Mr P Jenkins

9-4 Kamart, 11-4 Gone Astray, 9-2 Bossburg, 6-1 Dizzy Dealer, 7-1 Dolitino, 12-1 Scally's Lady, 33-1 Meigle Street, Elissa.

5.50 McEWANS BEST SCOTCH TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,355: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 1111 ATTADALE 39 (D,F,G,S) L Lungo 5-11-12 ... T Reed
2 2842 BUSY BOY 84 R Lamb 6-11-0 ... A Merrigan
3 506 JUST WOODY 17 B Temple 5-11-0 ... G Tormey (7)
4 0026 LATOUR 12 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-0 ... Mark Roberts (7)
5 0/ SPIRITUALIST 742F Mrs G Plowright 7-11-0 ... A Mulholland
6 2PF6 CELTIC SONG 14 (D,S) W Reed 6-10-13 ... R Hodge
7 DOUCE INDIENNE Mrs M Reveley 6-10-9 ... D Ryan (7)
8 P0 COME OFF IT 18 W Raw 4-10-3 ... C Grant

4-7 Attadale, 7-2 Douce Indienne, 10-1 Busy Boy, 12-1 Celtic Song, 16-1 others.

6.20 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER
(£2,535: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 1111 LIGHT VENEER 50 (F,G,S) Mrs M Jones 8-11-12 ... J White
2 3316 ONE FOR THE POT 17 (C,G,S) M Naughton 8-11-12 A Orkney
3 0U6U AWKAS 40 (G,S) G Moore 8-11-8 ... N Bentley (3)
4 22F3 MISTER TUFTIE 7 (F,G) G Richards 8-11-8 ... B Storey
5 -23F DOWN THE ROAD 18 J Johnson 6-11-4 ... Mr N Wilson
6 0236 MOSS BEE 14 W Reed 6-11-4 ... T Reed
7 P-PP MR POD 87 R Lamb 7-11-4 ... A Merrigan
8 P65/F PRESET 186 J Hellens 6-11-4 ... C Grant

1-2 Light Veneer, 11-2 Down The Road, 6-1 Mister Tuftie, 8-1 One For The Pot, 12-1 Awkas, 20-1 Moss Bee, 66-1 others.

6.50 GILESGATE VOLVO HEART OF ALL ENGLAND HUNT CUP
(Maiden hunter chase: Amateurs: £2,087: 3m 1f) (20)

1 / CLASSIC BART 1884 C Graham 9-12-0 ... T Scott (7)
2 0P/ HIGHGATE MILD 773 Miss S Scott 8-12-0 ... G Harmer (7)
3 2 ITS A DEAL 60 (BF) S Pittendrigh 7-12-0 ... S Pittendrigh (7)
4 6/P-0 JORDANSTOWN HOUSE 19 A Barnett 11-12-0 ... Miss K Barnett (7)
5 -04P LETHAL WEAPON 18 S Robinson 9-12-0 ... S Robinson (7)
6 F LOVER'S LOCK 76 (V) W Wanless 11-12-0 ... C Sample (5)
7 -F32 PRIDEAUX PRINCE 12 (B) Miss C Dennis 7-12-0 P Atkinson (7)
8 0/0-4 REX TREMENDA 19 J Teller 8-12-0 ... D Parker (7)
9 432- ROYALIST 397 R Kyle 7-12-0 ... A Robson (7)
10 /32 ROYAL JESTER 19 C Storey 9-12-0 ... C Storey (7)
11 /FU THE RIGHT GUY 12 P Needham 8-12-0 ... N Wilson (5)
12 /P-PP TINGLE BROOK 19 Miss C Bell 9-12-0 ... Miss C Bell (7)
13 TOOTING TIMES M McCarthy 7-12-0 ... C Mulhall (7)
14 0F/3- WALLY WREKIN 385 Mrs P Powley 10-12-0 ... R Ford (7)
15 0/F53 WOT PET 12 T Gibson 10-12-0 ... M Coglan (7)
16 P00/P BETSY BOOP 178 D Merchant 8-11-9 ... K Needham (7)
17 3-55 LEVEL QUAY 45 (BF) J Barker 10-11-9 ... P Williamson (7)
18 6/ MATRACE 1188 K Little 8-11-9 ... K Little (7)
19 4/2 RIVERBOAT QUEEN 11 T Pounder 10-11-9 ... P Jenkins (7)
20 /5 SATIN D'OR 50 F Walton 7-11-9 ... P Johnson (5)

7-2 Royal Jester, 5-1 Level Quay, 6-1 Wally Wrekin, 7-1 Its A Deal, 10-1 Royalist, The Right Guy, 12-1 Riverboat Queen, Prideaux Prince, 14-1 others.

7.20 NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSN OF BOYS CLUBS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,772: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 01/41 SACROSANCT 3 (F,S) K Bailey 9-11-12 (6ex) ... P Niven
2 0262 BALLYLORD 12 (C,D,G,S) J J O'Neill 9-11-10 Miss S Nichol (7)
3 2505 TIMURS DOUBLE 12 (C,F,G,S) W Sample 13-11-1 Mr C Sample
4 0-08 VALE OF SECRECY 149 (F,S) R Fisher 12-10-11 ... C Grant
5 124- CARABALI DANCER 382 D Garraton 5-10-11 ... J White
6 0004 GREY MERLIN 6 (S) Mrs S Taylor 6-10-11 ... S Hodgson
7 0150 JUPITER MOON 14 (G) Mrs A Swinbank 4-10-8 ... C Dennis (3)

10-11 Sacrosanct, 11-4 Ballylord, 5-1 Timurs Double, 12-1 Carabali Dancer, 14-1 Grey Merlin, 16-1 Jupiter Moon, 20-1 Vale of Secrecy

7.50 GILESGATE VOLVO HANDICAP CHASE
(£1,872: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 4103 WREKIN HILL 12 (D,G,S) P Cheesbrough 11-12-0 ... C Grant
2 0-646 MERITMOORE 14 (B,CD,G,S) G Moore 10-10-9 ... J Callaghan
3 1336 ZAM BEE 21 (D,G) W Reed 7-10-8 ... T Reed
4 004P JIMMY MAC JIMMY 8 (C,S) Miss L Perratt 8-10-6 ... L O'Hara
5 0302 POSITIVE ACTION 14 (C,F,S) M Barnes 7-10-4 ... P Waggott (5)
6 3/040 SCARNING DALE 12 (G,S) W Bentley 10-10-3 ... N Bentley (3)
7 00F3/ IN THE BREEZE 731 (B,F) C Beever 12-10-0 ... NON-RUNNER
8 4P5F CAPTAIN CUTE 26 D Garraton 8-10-0 ... J White

13-8 Wrekin Hill, 10-3 Zam Bee, 4-1 Positive Action, 11-2 Meritmoore, 8-1 Jimmy Mac Jimmy, 16-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Sandown Park
Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 6yd) 1, ROHITA (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav); 2, Jade Pet (J Reid, 10-1); 3, Circle Of Friends (T Quinn, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Kerne-Jo (5th), 6 Nakita (6th), 9 Footsteps, 10 Petrathene, 12 Abbots Daughter, 25 Imperial Bailiwick (4th), 33 Petite Post, 50 Hollington Song, Mrs Jogglebury. 12 ran. Nk, 3½l, ¾l, 1l, ¾l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £3.90, £1.90. DF: £25.00. CSF: £20.93.

2.35 (1m 14yd) 1, PORT LUCAYA (L Dettori, 11-2); 2, Fret (A Munro, 10-1); 3, Bin Ajwaad (M Roberts, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Senous (6th), 11-2 Fizzcarraldo (4th), 10 Hilary Gerrard, 14 Tykeyvor (5th), 20 Cyprian Dancer, 25 Resist The Force. 9 ran. 1l, nk, 6l, 2½l, nk. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £6.20; £2.00, £2.80, £1.20. DF: £63.80. CSF: £50.01.

3.05 (5f 6yd) 1, LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (M Roberts, 10-1); 2, Bodari (D Harrison, 12-1); 3, Paddy Chalk (J Reid, 25-1); 4, Honey Seeker (K Darley, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Olifantsfontein, 9 Misdemeanours Girl, 10 So Rhythmical, Halbert, 12 Fascination Waltz, Love Legend (6th), 16 Miss Vaxette, Mister Jolson (5th), 20 Paley Prince, Letsbeonestaboutit, 33 Aughfad, Petraco, Ricky's Tornado. 17 ran. Nk, hd, nk, ½l, ¾l. M Heaton-Ellis at Wroughton. Tote: £18.50; £2.80, £1.90, £3.80, £1.90. DF: £81.60. CSF: £114.53. Tricast: £2,621.38.

3.40 (1m 14yd) 1, ALHIJAZ (W Carson, 6-1); 2, Hazaam (M Roberts, 8-1); 3, Zaahi (R Hills, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Lucky Lindy (5th), 14 Mojave, 20 Stubass (4th), 33 Enharmonic (6th). 7 ran. Nk, 2l, hd, 1½l, 1l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £7.20; £3.00, £2.70. DF: £18.40. CSF: £34.49.

4.10 (2m 78yd) 1, ROBINGO (A Munro, 2-1 fav); 2, Mull House (W Carson, 10-1); 3, Bardolph (T Quinn, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Star Player (5th), 7 Truben, 9 Star Quest, 10 Brandon Prince (6th), 33 Requested (4th). 8 ran. 4l, ½l, 3l, 5l, 2½l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £14.80. CSF: £18.32. Tricast: £107.39.

4.45 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, TALENTED (W Carson, 15-8 fav); 2, Dancing Prize (Paul Eddery, 25-1); 3, Reine De Neige (W R Swinburn, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Haunted Wood, 6 Ufak The Way, 7 Bella Ballerina (4th), 14 Sea Siren, Hoosie (5th), 16 Eye Wieners, 25 Raneen Alwatar, 33 Impeccable Taste, Miss Shagra, 50 Dutch Debutante, Dream Baby, Sing A Rainbow (6th). 15 ran. Nk, 1l, 3l, 2l, ½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £5.90, £2.60. DF: £140.10. CSF: £45.39. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.20 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, CAMDEN'S RANSOM (B Doyle, 10-1); 2, Rutland Water (T Quinn, 4-1); 3, Lokl (D Harrison, 7-2 fav); 4, Bookcase (J Williams, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Marastani (5th), 7 Host, 9 Surrey Dancer, 12 Rose Alto (6th), Mulciber, 33 Knowth, Blue Flag, Wave Hill, Native Chieftan, Fieldridge, Mougins, Legal Embrace. 16 ran. Hd, ¾l, 2½l, sh hd, 2½l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £12.20; £3.00, £1.50, £1.80, £5.40. DF: £29.90. CSF: £47.63. Tricast: £152.99. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £1,397.98 carried forward to Sandown today).
Placepot: £539.80.

Carlisle
Going: heavy (soft in places)

2.15 (6f 206yd) 1, Claudia Miss (Dean McKeown, 8-1); 2, Lombard Ships (6-1); 3, Stoproveritate (15-8 fav). 11 ran. NR: Sharp N' Smooth. Nk, 4l. W Haigh. Tote: £7.40; £2.00, £2.30, £1.20. DF: £15.30. CSF: £56.20.

2.45 (7f 214yd) 1, Lett The Lucky (N Connorton, 3-1 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Jungle Knife (5-1); 3, Lehoob (7-2). 9 ran. 4l, 2½l. Miss S Hall. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £13.10. CSF: £17.63. Tricast: £50.06. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, Shynon (S Mulvey, 13-8 fav); 2, Doc Spot (16-1); 3, Challenger Row (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Safety In Numbers. 10l, 5l. M Tompkins. Tote: £1.50; £1.90, £3.70. DF: £14.40. CSF: £22.06. Tricast: £79.48.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, Lifasm (B Raymond, 4-7 fav); 2, Kanto (12-1); 3, Arc Bright (5-1). 8 ran. 25l, 2l. A Scott. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £5.20. CSF: £9.11.

4.15 (6f 207yd) 1, Branston Abby (G Duffield, 5-2); 2, Our Rita (7-4 fav); 3, Stack Rock (5-2). 4 ran. 5l, 1l. M Johnston. Tote: £4.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.81.

4.50 (5f 207yd) 1, Strip Cartoon (G Strange, 3-1); 2, Twilight Falls (7-4 fav); 3, Crail Harbour (13-2). 9 ran. ½l, 3l. S Bowring. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £5.40. CSF: £8.77. Tricast: £29.26.

Placepot: £17.10.

Perth
Going: heavy (last hurdle omitted)

2.20 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Lion Of Vienna (B Storey, 9-1); 2, I'm Toby (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Mr Five Wood (2-1 jt-fav). 7 ran. NR: Unholy Alliance. 5l, 2l. T Carr. Tote: £10.10; £2.10, £1.80. DF: £11.40. CSF: £26.42.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Mutual Trust (N Doughty, Evens jt-fav); 2, All For Luck (Evens jt-fav); 3, Equator (16-1). 4 ran. 7l, 10l. G Richards. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.20. CSF: £2.29.

3.20 (3m) 1, General Pershing (N Doughty, 2-7 fav); 2, On The Hooch (14-1); 3, Bluff Knoll (4-1). 4 ran. NR: Kirsty's Boy, Silver Hello, Charming Gale, Run Pet Run. 12l, dist. G Richards. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.23.

3.50 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Valseur (F Perratt, 5-2 fav); 2, Ring Corbitts (11-2); 3, Gymcrak Gamble (7-2). 9 ran. NR: Tharsis. 7l, 2l. L Lungo. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £14.70. CSF: £15.65. Tricast: £42.61.

4.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Dark Dawn (Mr J Greenall, 1-2 fav); 2, Fish Quay (50-1); 3, Centre Attraction (16-1). 8 ran. NR: Lacidar, Majestic Ring. 8l, 7l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £5.80, £1.80. DF: £56.00. CSF: £22.86.

4.55 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Hilltown Blues (P Harley, 5-1); 2, Back Before Dawn (7-2); 3, Sheep Stealer (4-1). Captain Tancred 3-1 fav. 6 ran. 8l, 3½l. T Dyer. Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £6.40. CSF: £20.98.

Placepot: £38.00.

Ludlow
Going: good

5.30 (3m ch) 1, Knockumshin (Mr T Byrne, 4-6 fav); 2, Crock-Na-Nee (10-1); 3, North Wold Park (25-1). 10 ran. NR: Radio Cue. 2½l, 6l. S Smith. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £2.60, £4.10. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.05.

6.00 (2m hdle) 1, Ambassador Royale (W McFarland, 9-4 fav); 2, Raglan Lady (13-2); 3, The Holy Golfer (13-2). 17 ran. NR: Taurian Princess. 3l, 8l. M Williams. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £13.40. CSF: £18.13.

Taunton
Going: good to firm

5.45 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Kalamoss (Miss S Mitchell, 16-1); 2, Tudor Da Samba (6-1); 3, Singing Reply (6-1). Casienne 100-30 fav. 15 ran. NR: Boll Of Gold. 1l, 3½l. N Mitchell. Tote: £33.30; £7.10, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £219.20. CSF: £101.98. Tricast: £594.49.

6.15 (3m ch) 1, Fight To Win (M Perrett, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Bedbury Lad (7-1); 3, Rananna Bay (10-1). Poacher's Delight 6-4 jt-fav. 10 ran. Hd, 1l. I Balding. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.20, £1.80. DF: £4.80. CSF: £12.15.

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Chaddleworth on course

CHADDLEWORTH earnt his place in the 2,000 Guineas line-up when coming through a workout in good style at Manton yesterday.

Watched by his owner Robert Sangster, the colt impressed sufficiently to be given the all-clear for next weekend's classic, provided conditions are not soft.

His trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, said yesterday: "He worked nicely and, as long as the ground is not soft at Newmarket, he will run."

Chaddleworth seeks to emulate the Manton success of last year's Guineas winner Rodrigo De Triano, although this time John Reid has the ride in the big race.

Roger Charlton will not make a decision about the participation of Greenham Stakes winner Inchinor, who has been coughing, until the middle of next week.

Saturday portrait: Harold Bird, by John Woodcock

Rare breed of Bird soars to heights in his own paradise

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



Harold Dennis Bird, known hereinafter as Dickie Bird, is exactly as you would expect him to be. He is caring and highly-strung: he counts his blessings and lives for cricket: he has never married and is a bit of a card.

At the moment he is in Barbados, umpiring, in his inimitable style, the second Test match between West Indies and Pakistan, pretending to be worried stiff but really enjoying every minute of it. To him has fallen the distinction of being the first "neutral" umpire to stand in a Test series in the Caribbean.

Dickie Bird is a Yorkshireman, and sufficiently proud of it without being boastful. As a player, much his most glorious achievement was to score 181 not out, going in first for Yorkshire against Glamorgan at Bradford Park Avenue on June 19, 1959. Although, like a true Yorkshireman, he played a dour game, he was in the side on that occasion only because Ken Taylor was away playing for England. When, for the next match, Dickie was dropped, he was understandably aggrieved, though when informed of it he said, respectfully, "Very well Mr Sellers"

I wrote about a Dickie innings or two, and it was a little like writing about chess by post. His greatest sadness was never to be awarded his Yorkshire cap. He did win a Leicestershire cap, after leaving Yorkshire, but earning a living as a county professional was always something of a struggle for him.

He was probably more at ease opening the Barnsley innings with Michael Parkinson ("You'll know Parkie, I expect") and playing in the Yorkshire League, or coaching the boys of Plymouth College, which he did between finishing with Leicestershire in 1966 and joining the umpires' list in 1969. He umpired his first first-class match in 1970 and his first Test match in 1973.

Cricket is a game that is in peoples' bones. Some who may not themselves be great exponents of it, understand it by instinct. Others, although they might be outstandingly effective as players, hardly know the first thing about it. There have been England captains who have been blind to many of its possibilities. Dickie, for his part, has a good *feel* for cricket. This, together with a disarming personality and a complete lack of arrogance, accounts for his success.

He was 60 last Monday, having just stood in a Test match in Trinidad in which he and his fellow umpire, Steve Bucknor from Jamaica, gave 17 batsmen out leg-before wicket, an unprecedented haul. Preferring to be thought of as a "not outer" rather than an "outer", Dickie lets it be known that of the decisions given in the bowlers' favour he was

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responsible for six and Bucknor for 11. He describes it as a match played in an exceptionally good spirit, though there are times, perhaps, when he sees no evil and hears no evil because he likes it that way.

He drinks very little, never smokes and does his exercises every morning in the bathroom. If he wanted to, he could go on umpiring in first-class cricket until he is 70, and he will be quite lost without it. Alex Skelding, another umpiring character of his time, was 72 when he packed it in. More recently, John Langridge was 70. Umpiring is both Dickie's hobby and his livelihood. He goes all over the world doing it.

He stood in the World Cup in India and Pakistan in 1987, and before that in the women's World Cup in New Zealand. He has done the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka and adjudicated under a glass roof in a stadium in Toronto. Earlier this winter he stood in the first three Test matches played in Zimbabwe. He has been to Nigeria and Holland, and no sooner will he get back to England a fortnight tomorrow than he will be heading for Hove, to make the acquaintance of Allan Border's Australians and to expect some gentle ribbing from the senior ones among them.

At Bulawayo in November, Dickie beat Frank Chester's record number of Test matches umpired. Chester had been a batsman of high promise for Worcestershire before being badly wounded in the Great War. He umpired his first Test match, with trilby hat and artificial hand, at Lord's in 1924 and his 47th and last at Lord's in 1955. Bird's today is his 52nd. Among overseas umpires, Tony Crafter heads the Australian list with 33 and Douglas Sang Hue is the senior West Indian with 31.

The fastest bowler "through the air" that Dickie Bird has umpired was Frank Tyson, the best was Dennis Lillee, the most prodigal appealer was Abdul Qadir, the cricketer he has had the most fun with is Allan Lamb. During the tea interval in a championship match Lamb once slipped his portable telephone into the pocket of Dickie's umpiring coat, without Dickie knowing it. After an over or two, to Dickie's astonishment, this telephone rang, and he answered it. It was Ian Botham from the Worcestershire dressing-room saying "Could I speak to Mr Lamb please!" Dickie is not, however, quite the butt he might sometimes appear to be. If he were, the best players would not like and respect him as much as they do.

His days of seeming to want to get off the field as soon as the sun went behind the clouds or it started to spot with rain are behind him. His experience at Lord's during the Centenary Test match against Australia in 1980, when he and David Constant were jostled by MCC members who felt play should have been in progress, helped to cure him of that. The tag was probably a little unfair anyway: Dickie has always been, if anything, too ready to give his fellow umpire the casting vote.

He lives, as the crow flies, a mile from Chateau Boycott in Barnsley. "Aye," he jokes, "the rich man in his castle and the poor man at his gate." Dickie was Barnsley's star batsman when Geoffrey Boycott first played for them as a boy. Before opening the innings Bird, hands shaking, would go to Boycott and say "Put me gloves on for me, will you Gerald?" To this day Dickie calls Boycott "Gerald", and "Gerald" believes that then, as now, Dickie put his nervous energy to advantage. "He likes people to think he's an easy touch," Boycott says, "but he's not. Deep down he's quite strong and very fair."

Boycott is to be seen driving round Barbados at the moment in the white Rolls Royce that purrs in and out of the Sandy Lane Hotel. Dickie is happier in his white coat and white sun hat or white cap, or at home at White Rose Cottage, built in the seventeenth century and where John Wesley once slept. His married sister, who lives not far away, does some cooking for him and some cleaning and some washing. He seldom cooks himself, preferring go to The Talbot for a bite of lunch.

On his way home, he calls on his friend, the butcher, who puts him up a couple of sandwiches, to be eaten for supper in front of the telly with "a coop o' tay". A man of humble tastes and honest opinions, tempering justice with mercy, presiding at great cricket events, a born worrier yet happy in his work — that is Dickie Bird, and if you ask him to your cricket dinner he'll give you good value there as well.

Widnes take big risk with O'Neill

By Christopher Irvine

JULIAN O'Neill, hired by Widnes for next Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Wigan, is the latest in a long line of Australians to be flown in especially for rugby league's showpiece occasion, not always successfully.

Precedent has shown that the tactic is often more disruptive than beneficial. St Helens, for example, regret bringing back Michael O'Connor and Paul Vautin, whose jet lag was devastatingly exposed by Wigan's 27-0 triumph in 1989. In Widnes' case, though, it is a question simply of necessity.

O'Neill, 20, a hugely gifted and versatile back with the Brisbane Broncos, will arrive on Tuesday and could take one of several positions in the side, with Stuart Spruce, the full back, David Myers, the winger, and the centres, Andy Currier and Darren Wright, on a long injury list.

Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, said he had no alternative than to turn to O'Neill but at least the player was no stranger to the team, having scored four tries in 11 appearances after joining on a short-term contract last October.

Larder said: "I've got just 18 players in my first team-squad, half a dozen are nursing knocks of one sort or another and we really have to turn to someone of proven quality. No matter he's on the other side of the world."

Brisbane sanctioned the plea by Widnes yesterday, in spite of the fact that O'Neill will now forfeit selection by New South Wales for the first of the three-match State of Origin series with Queensland two days after the Wembley game.

Widnes have hit a bad patch at the worst possible time. With the final consuming thoughts at Naughton Park, Leeds have an ideal opportunity away from home to resurrect a bleak season in tomorrow's first-round Stones Bitter premiership tie.

Wigan, also beset by injuries and needing to keep some powder dry, are much changed at home to Warrington, winners at Central Park three times in the past four years. Frano Botica (broken thumb) is the most significant absentee but the goalkicker will emerge from plaster in time for next Saturday.

John Monie, the Wigan coach, said: "Warrington normally play well against us and I only want players who are 100 per cent fit."

Essex take heart as spinners overshadow England's future

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): England A, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 257 runs behind Essex

WITH the ground populated chiefly by selectors, sponsors and Test and County Cricket Board officials, there was as much activity off the field as on it yesterday. But for those drawing up their short-lists of England candidates, which is the prime purpose of this game, the meek surrender of the A team batting after tea overshadowed all other business.

Thus far, Essex have been superior in all areas of the game, endorsing my conviction that a third consecutive county title is more probable than possible. If the weekend weather permits, they could receive the best possible boost with an innings win over what had looked a well-chosen young England side.

Nasser Hussain extended his overnight 76 to 118 before being last out with the Essex total on 394. Then Mark Ilott, stronger, fitter and faster than at any stage of his young career, took the wickets of both England A openers in an impressive burst with the new ball.

That the best slow bowling of the two days was then supplied by John Childs, who was playing county cricket when some of these England hopefuls were still in short trousers, and Peter Such again gave more encouragement to the Essex supporters huddled in their raincoats than to those seeking something fresh to offer the Australian team this summer.

Allan Border's side arrives in London early tomorrow and their first impression will be of opposition in a state of unreadiness. England have not appointed a captain and have few established players. The shadow squad on show here is doing nothing to reassure us.

Caddick was much their best bowler during more than eight hours in the field. To show for it, though, he had only the wicket of Ilott, who had responded to the receipt of his county cap by showing unsuspected ability with the bat in a stand with Hussain worth 67. Hussain drove with poise and authority, hitting 15 fours and making this Chelmsford pitch look particularly batsman-friendly.

It wore a new disguise, however, when Essex took the field and Roseberry, prodding uncertainly at Ilott's first ball, departed to a catch at short-leg.

Ilott extracted surprising bounce, Moxon surviving one ball which ballooned over slip off the shoulder of the bat and another sharp chance to Hussain at backward short-leg.

Lathwell also had a reprieve, against Pringle, but played the shot of the match, a pulled six in front of square off a bouncer from Ilott, before disappointingly cutting the same bowler to cover point.

Graham Gooch now turned to his trusty pair of spin bowlers, and with dramatic results. The case claiming that English batsmen have forgotten how to play spin was firmly prosecuted, Lloyd, Crawley and Russell falling to inept strokes and Thorpe, who had resisted for two hours, to no shot at all.

SCOREBOARD

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Russell b Taylor	88
J P Stephenson c Caddick b Salisbury	38
J J B Lewis c Russell b Cork	16
N Hussain lbw b Cork	118
N V Knight b Taylor	0
†M A Garnham lbw b Taylor	0
D R Pringle run out	25
T D Topley lbw b Taylor	10
M C Ilott b Caddick	32
P M Such b Cork	26
Extras (b 14, lb 11, w 1, nb 14)	40
Total	394

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-158, 3-180, 4-180, 5-180, 6-235, 7-263, 8-330, 9-393.

BOWLING: Caddick 35-5-99-1; Taylor 36-9-99-4; Cork 33.2-10-78-3; Thorpe 2-0-10-0; Salisbury 31-10-83-1.

ENGLAND A: First Innings

M N Lathwell c Lewis b Ilott	30
M A Roseberry c Knight b Ilott	0
*M D Moxon c Knight b Childs	26
G P Thorpe lbw b Such	26
G D Lloyd c Gooch b Childs	6
J P Crawley b Such	15
†R C Russell b Such	0
D G Cork not out	18
A R Caddick b Childs	3
I D K Salisbury not out	4
Extras (lb 1, nb 8)	9
Total (8 wkts)	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-41, 3-72, 4-88, 5-108, 6-110, 7-113, 8-116.

J P Taylor to bat.

Umpires: K E Palmer and B Leadbeater.

Students bemused by Kent's spinners

By Jack Bailey

CAMBRIDGE (final day of three): Kent beat Cambridge University by an innings and 34 runs

DEFEATING Cambridge University by an innings on the slowest pitch they are likely to see all season was not the best preparation for Kent's make-or-break fixture against Glamorgan on Tuesday in the newly devised Benson and Hedges Cup. But everyone had a thorough workout in the field and, with a gap of nearly two weeks before their first championship match, Kent have cause to be thankful for this small blessing.

Yesterday, it was the turn of the Kent spinners to keep the Cambridge batsmen in thrall. Richard Davis and Nigel Llong made light of an hour's interruption for rain, tying down firm-footed, fresh-cheeked students and waiting patiently for the inevitable flash of impatience to materialise.

Davis's five for 26 from 24 overs included two more catches off his own bowling. Llong finished with a career best of three for 29.

By mid-afternoon, it was all over. Stolid resistance by Jarrett and Cake against Kent's seam attack carried Cambridge to 67 before the second wicket fell and gave them cause for hope — at least of saving an innings defeat. Once Davis had separated these two, however, only Charlesworth, their South African freshman, did full justice either to himself or to his university.

SCOREBOARD

KENT: First Innings: 300 for 6 dec (N J Llong 116 not out, S A Marsh 57).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings: 142 (C Penn 4 for 12).

Second Innings

G W Jones c Marsh b Igglesden	2
R Cake c Ward b Llong	27
M E D Jarrett c and b Davis	36
G M Charlesworth not out	18
J P Carroll c and b Davis	1
J Lappard st Marsh b Davis	8
†J P Arscott c Llong b Davis	5
N J Hasse c Marsh b Davis	0
*R M Pearson c Penn b Llong	10
C M Pilcher c Davis b Llong	4
A R Whittall low b Igglesden	1
Extras (lb 10)	10
Total	124

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-67, 3-71, 4-78, 5-80, 6-98, 7-98, 8-115, 9-123.

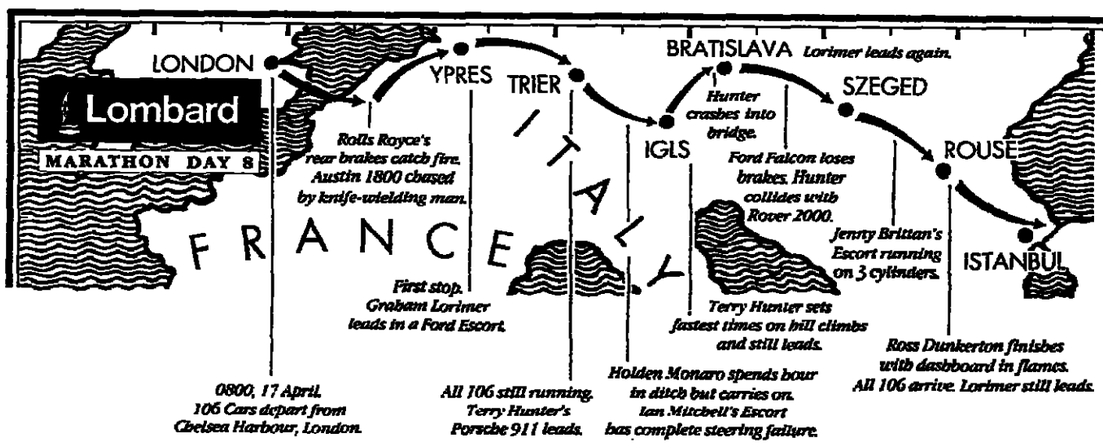
BOWLING: Igglesden 13.5-5-14-2; Penn 13-3-21-0; Headley 4-0-17-0; Fleming 5-2-7-0; Davis 24-11-26-5, Llong 23-10-29-3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D O Oslear

NO PLAY YESTERDAY

GLAMORGAN: 463 for 2 dec (M P Maynard 110 not out, I V A Richards 109 not out, H Morris 109 ret hurt, A Dale 67) and 115 for 3 dec (P A Cottey 60. Bowling: Jeh 12-1-47-2; Yeabsley 8-3-23-0. Malik 7-3-32-0; MacLay 3-0-11-1).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings: 99. Match abandoned as a draw



On Saturday April 17, 106 classic cars set off on the greatest motoring adventure for twenty five years. The Lombard London-Sydney Marathon.

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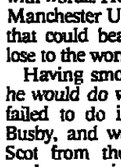
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Signing of Cantona and Ferguson's decisiveness key factors in title drive

Ferguson poised to lay ghost of Busby



Manchester United are one step away from glory, **Rob Hughes**, football correspondent, reports

Alex Ferguson asks that *we should not be presumptuous.* But if his team wins either of its two remaining games, or if Aston Villa draw one of theirs, the Premier League title is his.

Manchester United would *thus lay two ghosts. Ferguson* would become their first manager since Matt Busby to win the championship; and his chairman, Martin Edwards, *though never as guileful as his* late father, Louis, would fulfil the family inheritance he tried to sell to the pretender, Michael Knighton, five years ago.

If this happens, it will be a relief to millions who follow the cult of United around the world. Mark Hughes, scorer with another extraordinary volley this week, summed it up in 1991 when United won the Cup Winners' Cup: "Winning in Europe is great, but the league championship would make us remembered for the rest of our lives."

He *does not say much, old* Sparkie, but when he does, he is spot on. His manager, having quelled his own firebrand nature, also has a way *with words. He once described* Manchester United as a team that could beat the best and lose to the worst.

Having smoothed out that, he *would do what five others* failed to do in the wake of Busby, and would become a Scot from the Govan shipyards emerging out of the *shadow of a Scot who began* working life down a pit.

Ferguson has supressed his indecision of a year ago, and looks more like the man who, *with Aberdeen, broke the Old Firm's Scottish* domination. Busby, of course, had the *skills* of Law, Best and Charlton. He was the father-figure of the *tragic team decimated* in the 1958 Munich air crash, a disaster which bound *millions* to Manchester United from far off lands.

The *phenomenon* today has assets on the field listed at £24 million. The last of *those* millions, gambled in December, brought Eric Cantona. *That he hardly speaks* English, that he is a social animal apart with his art and his poetry, detracts nothing from his play.

He *comes in transit, thrilled* by the prospect of a second *championship* medal with different clubs in successive seasons, in neither of which he had to toil the whole nine months. And he is remote *from the burdens* United have carried for a quarter of a century.

This man's touch on a ball and his telepathy with 19-year-old Ryan Giggs *has to* be seen to be believed. Cantona, the French misfit, the ungovernable one, strikes an intuitive accord with Giggs, the one player to come up through the ranks in Busby Babe tradition.

To see both of them inspire Hughes back to his explosive best is wonderful. To see McClair and Ince working to *make it happen for them, and* Sharpe and Kanchelskis running on the wings, is the team bonus.

And at their backs the *defence which earns its luck* is held together by the physical and mental resistance of Steve Bruce. He is the one uncapped player in a squad that boasts *368 international* appearances in seven nations. In truth, Bruce lacks the natural ability that would demand an England place, yet his leader*ship and his two headers* struck in injury time on Easter Saturday were more than vital.

There is another captain, the redoubtable Robson, a *leader in and around the* dressing room. It was Robbo who *sensed on Easter Mon*day morning that his own inclusion might unhinge the team's unity.

Some critics regard this as a *weakness in Ferguson's man*agement. Surely it is the opposite? It is a strength to stand corrected by a player, a strength which won Helmut *Schoen the ear of* Beckenbauer, and Rinus Michels the co-operation of Cruyff. Some of Ferguson's players now label him "Mr Cool". The same players say privately that his rages are still unpredictable. They should see him after a match, slumped into a chair like a wet shirt without a *hanger, waiting and hoping* we will not tempt providence.

Too late. United, I believe, have turned last year's misfortune into this year's resolve. *They must still play* Blackburn and Wimbledon, neither of whom they scored against last October.

But that was pre-Cantona, *pre-the ambience* generated by one extra player. "Since the Frenchman's been with us," Ferguson said recently, "we've turned the corner, looked positive *in every match.*"

Once the ghost is laid, Matt Busby can celebrate his 84th birthday in May knowing that United can live with his *achievements. Instead of an* old albatross, he might be seen as an inspiration in the way that the late Herbert Chapman became one to Arsenal.

The *road* to Old Trafford was renamed last year "Sir Matt Busby Way". That way was to manage quality players with the philosophy: Do the simple thing, do it well, do it now.



Brothers in arms: Ferguson is two points from emulating Busby as manager of a title-winning United side

Holland weakened

HOLLAND, like England, will be without several key players for the World Cup qualifying tie at Wembley on Wednesday (Keith Pike *writes).*

With Marco van Basten already ruled out and his AC Milan team-mate, Frank Rijkaard, doubtful, Dick Advocaat, the Holland coach, yesterday lost Ronald Koeman and Berry van Aerle through injury. Koeman, the Barcelona defender, *has failed to recover* from a torn calf muscle and van Aerle also *withdrew after hurting a knee* playing for PSV Eindhoven against AC Milan on Wednesday.

Claudio Caniggia, the Argentina striker, was yesterday banned for 13 months by the Italian football authorities for taking cocaine.

Caniggia, 26, the AS Roma player, tested positive after a league game against Napoli *last month. The ban ends on* May 8, 1994, only a month before the start of the World Cup finals in the United States.

Players told to play for clubs

By Keith Pike

FIFA yesterday guaranteed a *sleepless night* for Terry Yorath when it ruled that four players scheduled for World Cup duty with Wales next week can, after all, play for their clubs today.

Yorath, the Wales manager, who has already lost three first-choice defenders for the vital group four qualifying match against the Representation of Czech and Slovak Republics in Ostrava on Wednesday, can only hope that the *quartet come through* unscathed. But the extent of his *problems* was underlined when he called up Clayton Blackmore, the Manchester United defender, who has played only three reserve *games since having a hernia* operation ten weeks ago.

The Football Association of Wales (FAW), acting without reference to Yorath, had on Thursday invoked the Fifa six-day rule that would have *prevented Kit Symons* (Portsmouth), Andrew Melville (Oxford United), Paul Bodin (Swindon Town) and Mark Pembridge (Derby County) playing today. The clubs, who had originally been told by the FAW that the ruling would not be invoked, appealed to Fifa via the Football League and the English FA, and yesterday the world governing *body sided with them.*

No sooner had it done so than Yorath, already deprived of Eric Young and Mark Aizlewood through suspen*sion, learned that Kevin* Ratcliffe, the Cardiff City defender, and Chris Coleman, the Crystal Palace utility player, had withdrawn through injury. As well as summoning Blackmore, Yorath also called up Gareth Hall, of Chelsea.

Symons will take his place in a Portsmouth side which will have taken 34 points out of 36 if it can beat Wolver*hampton Wanderers* at Fratton Park today. The real celebrations, however, could begin for Newcastle United, Stoke City and Barnet.

*Stoke, of the second divi*sion, and Barnet, of the third, who both failed to negotiate the play-off minefield last season, can guarantee promotion. Newcastle can do the same in the first division tomorrow. Two days of *ifs,* buts and calculators beckon.

Heading in the opposite direction today will be Bristol Rovers, should they lose to *West Ham United. Mansfield* Town and Exeter City could depart the second division if they lose and other results go against them.

Torrance lifted by course record

From Mel Webb
in Vic, Catalonia

SAM Torrance, seasoned campaigner that he is, still experienced a frisson of excitement when he rattled out seven consecutive threes to start his second round in the Catalan Open yesterday.

The pace *inevitably slack*ened a little later on, but not so much that it prevented Torrance from finishing the day in the lead on 134, ten under par.

Torrance's 63 was a course *record for Osona Montanya* that puts him in line for a £2,000 bonus from Johnnie Walker. His sights, though, will be on the greater prize being offered by Heineken, the sponsors here, who will be handing a cheque for £50,000 to the winner tomorrow afternoon.

Such rich pickings are not to be sneezed at any time, but Torrance has another reason for wanting to lay his hands *on the winner's spoils. Victory* in in Italy last month pushed him back into contention for a Ryder Cup place.

The Scot, who is a shot *ahead of Barry Lane, leader of* the Ryder Cup points list, and Jay Townsend, of the United States, with Ross Drummond and the dangerous Ian Woosnam a further stroke behind, had a birdie three at *the 1st from 15 feet.*

A par three followed, then came a birdie three on the 3rd, another on the 4th, and an eagle three on the long 5th, where he hit a three-wood to 15 feet and made the putt. Then came a par three at the 6th, and he completed a remarkable sequence with his fourth birdie three from two feet at the 7th. Out in 30, he had three more birdies coming home.

He was something of an inspiration to his playing partners, Lane (67) and Gary Evans (69); between them they had a best-ball score of 57. Osona is a tight, unforgiving course which is not kind to those who stray off line. Yesterday it was no match for the Torrance gang, who drew a bead on their target, fired low and straight from the hip, and simply shot the lights out.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated) 134: S Torrance, 71, 63. 135: B Lane, 68, 67; J Townsend (US), 66, 69. 136: R Drummond, 66, 70; I Woosnam, 69, 67. 137: A Sherborne, 65, 72; M Gates, 67, 70; A Binagh (It), 65, 72; S Tinning (Den), 67, 70; E Darcy, 69, 68; J Parnevik (Swe), 69, 66; G Evans, 68, 69. 138: D W Basson (SA), 69, 69; J Rivero (Sp), 70, 68; F Lindgren (Swe), 69, 69. 139: P Way, 66, 73; D Clarke, 66, 73; G J Turner, 67, 72; F Nobilo (NZ), 68, 71; M Mackenzie, 70, 69; D J Russell, 70, 69; J Robinson, 69, 70. 140: S Grappasonni (It), 67, 73; A Bossert (Switz), 69, 71; S McAllister, 70, 70; J-M Canales (Sp), 69, 71; P-U Johansson (Swe), 71, 69; J Payne, 68, 72.

Cwmbran in line for Europe

NON-LEAGUE REVIEW BY WALTER GAMMIE

CWMBRAN play Porthmadog in the Konica League of Wales today as *front*runners in the contest for a place in the European Cup. Yet they will enter the fixture warily, as Porthmadog beat *Inter Cardiff 2-0 on Satur*day — and in doing so opened the door for Cwmbran to stride off with the inaugural title.

Defeat for Cwmbran at Mold on Easter Monday had put *Inter Cardiff in the* driving seat until last Saturday. Lyn Jones, the Inter manager, said: "We tried to do everything right, get the *preparation right,* staying away overnight, but five or six players were well below par. Even then, we should have won, we had enough chances. But I still wasn't happy with our display.

"We've got two games to left to play — at Connah's Quay and Afan Lido — *and if* we win our matches and Cwmbran win three and *draw one, we might still* win the title. Our goal difference is three better than theirs at the moment, it's that close." With the second-placed team *going into* the Uefa Cup, neither Inter or Cwmbran *will go empty-handed unless* Aberystwyth — 2-1 winners at Briton Ferry on Wednesday — sneak past them.

Cwmbran have founded *their effort* on a solid defence, well marshalled by their central *defender, Jim*my Blackie, captain of the Wales semi-professional side. It has conceded only 21 goals all season and, at one *stage, went* nine matches without letting in a goal. *Francis Ford, signed from* Briton Ferry two months ago, has supplied vital goals for the side managed by Tony Wilcox, former manag*er of* Barry Town.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, Inter Cardiff, pl 36, 79pts (goal difference +42); 2, Cwmbran, 34, 75 (+39); 3, Aberystwyth, 35, 72 (+30). Remaining fixtures: Inter Cardiff: Tomorrow: Connah's Quay (away). May 1: Afan Lido (away). Cwmbran: Tomorrow: Porthmadog (home). April 27: Haverfordwest (away). May 3: Llanelli (away). May 8: Connah's Quay (away). Aberystwyth: Tomorrow: Llanelli (away). May 1: Conwey (home). May 8: Mold (away).

☐ St Albans, in second place in the Diadora League, have withdrawn their application to the GM Vauxhall Conference because they refuse to cut down two oak trees on the terraces at their Clarence Park ground. Chesham United, the league leaders, had already withdrawn their application.

St Albans have decided the only way they can lay claim to a Conference place in the future is to move to a new ground. The Conference, meanwhile, will not be tak*ing up a club from the* Diadora League as it considers only the top two finishers in the feeder leagues.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Late results from Thursday

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 2, Witton 1.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finals: Second leg: Antwerp 3, Spartak Moscow 1 (Antwerp win 3-2 on aggr); Parma 0, Atlético Madrid 1 (agg 2-2; Parma win on away goals)

UEFA CUP: Semi-final: Second leg: Paris Saint-Germain 0, Juventus 1 (Juventus win 3-1 on aggr).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 0, Millwall 2.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1, Newcastle United 1; Sheffield United 2, Leicester City 2; Leeds United 3, Stoke City 0

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1, Sutton United 1. Second division: Ransteed 2, Barton Rovers 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Newport IoW 1, Havant Town 2

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Reading 0, Gillingham 2; Wokingham Town 0, Brentford 5.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida Marlins 4, Atlanta Braves 3; St Louis Cardinals 5, Colorado Rockies 2; Montreal Expos 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 1, San Diego Padres 2, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Cincinnati Reds 4, San Francisco Giants 13, New York Mets 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota Twins 5, Milwaukee Brewers 4; New York Yankees 5, Oakland A's 1; Chicago White Sox 3, Baltimore Orioles 2; Toronto Blue Jays 6, Kansas City Royals 3; California Angels 8, Cleveland Indians 0; Seattle Mariners 7, Boston Red Sox 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Phoenix Suns 115, Portland Trail Blazers 114, Chicago Bulls 109, Detroit Pistons 103 (OT), Houston Rockets 112, Minnesota Timberwolves 110, San Antonio Spurs 131, Denver Nuggets 111; Seattle SuperSonics 100, Los Angeles Clippers 98.

BOWLS

TWEED HEADS, Australia: Mazda International Jack High tournament: Group A: D Stockham (Aus) bt R Parrella (Aus), 9-3, 9-1; J Rablin (Isr) bt M Johnston (Iris), 9-4, 9-8. Section winner: Stockham. Runner-up: R Corsie (Scot). Group B: D Shaw (Aus) bt T Morris (Aus), 9-4, 2-9, 9-4; M McMahon (HK) bt C Curris (Aus), 9-2, 8-3. Section winner: McMahon. Runner-up: Shaw.

CRICKET

THE OVAL (third day of four): England Under-19 586-9 dec and 37-2, Surrey II 422 (M Butcher 85, D Kelleher 80, P Atkins 80, G Kersey 50)

CHESTER-LE-STREET (55 overs): Scotland 190-6 (G Reifer 50 not out); Durham 196-2 (50.1 overs: G Fowler 101 not out, P Bainbridge 70 not out). Durham won by 8 wkts.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: London Cricket College 204, Chigwell 112-8; Colchester RGS 213-5 (Kennedy 102 not out), Brentwood 190-6 (Whiney 87, Venales 54). Chigwell 166-4 (Often 115), John Lyon 129-6.

DIVING

AUSTIN, Texas: US national championships: Men: 1m springboard: Finals: 1, D Pierraro, 583.13pts; 2, R Bertram, 561.86; 3, P Jeffrey, 560.04.

GOLF

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro Open: First round (US unless stated): 67: T Purtzer, M Sullivan, 69: J Heas, R Lewallen, J Hallet, J McGovern, C Beck. 70: J Mahaffey, P Jacobsen, D Edwards, J Edwards, D Mass, R Maltbie, L Clements, B Clampett, R Dalpos. 71: S Elkington (Aus), H Irwin, S Kendall, B Bryant, L Janzen, G Morgan, C Perry (Aus), D Love III, J Cook, T Schulz, D Peepa. British: 75: A Lyle.

IBARAKI, Japan: Men's tournament: Second-round leaders (Japan unless stated). 135: J Kernohan (US), 67, 68. 136: T Odale, 69, 67; Yah Chang-ling (Taiwan), 68, 68; N Ozaki, 67, 69. 137: N Serizawa, 70, 67; H Meshai, 69, 68; H Sato, 68, 69.

HOCKEY

CARDIFF: Home Countries women's championships: Ireland 0, England 0, Scotland 4, Wales 0.

ICE HOCKEY

MUNICH: World championships: Pool A: Canada 11, Austria 0. Pool B: Finland 2, Norway, 0.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): First-round play-offs: Buffalo Sabres 4, Boston Bruins 3 (OT) (Buffalo lead best-of-seven series 3-0); Pittsburgh Penguins, 4, New Jersey Devils 3 (Pittsburgh lead 3-0); Montreal Canadiens 2, Quebec Nordiques 1 (OT) (Quebec lead 2-1); New York Islanders 4, Washington Capitals 3 (OT) (New York lead 2-1).

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SPEEDWAY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: British semi-final (Ipswich): 1, D Norris (Eastbourne) 13 (after run-off); 2, C Louis (Ipswich), 13; 3, M Dugard (Eastbourne), 13. Other qualifiers: J Doncaster (Reading) 11, R Knight (Kings Lynn) 11, D Mullett (Reading) 9, M Goodwin (Rye House) 8, L Collins (Edinburgh) 8.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Second division: Middlesbrough 48, Sheffield 53

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Lacoste British open doubles: Quarter-finals: T Cockroft and M Hue Williams bt M and P Nicholls, 15-0, 15-7, 7-15, 14-16, 15-13, 15-3; J Male and J Prenn bt D Walker and P Maxwell, 15-0, 15-3, 15-6. 15-6.

TENNIS

MONACO: Monte Carlo Open: Third round: T Muster (Austria) bt M Larsson (Swe), 6-2, 3-6, 6-0, S Bruguera (Sp) bt I Lendl (US), 6-1, 6-2, A Corretja (Sp) bt M Rosset (Switz), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, C Pioline (Fr) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-3, 6-0. Quarter-finals: Muster bt Corretja, 6-2, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Medvadev (Ukr), 6-4, 5-3; Pioline bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4, Bruguera bt C Costa (Sp), 7-6, 6-2.

SEOUL: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: C Van Rensburg (SA) bt M Schapers (Holl), 7-6, 7-5. C Adams (US) bt S Smian (Fri), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1.

BARCELONA: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Pierce (Fr), 7-5, 6-1; A Coetzer (SA) bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 4-0 ret'd. S Heck (Ger) bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-0, 7-5. C Martinez (Sp) bt L Golarsa (It), 6-1, 6-3.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Women's Open: Quarter-finals: P Fendick (US) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-1, 7-5. N Provis (Aus) bt R Tedjakusuma (Indo), 6-3, 6-1; A Grossman (US) wo Y Basuki (Indo), scr; S Rotner (Holl) bt H Kelaai (Can), 6-4, 6-3.

KUALA LUMPUR: Satellite tournament: Semi-finals: Clement N'Goran (Slovakia) bt D Norman (Bel), 2-6, 7-5, 7-6, A Finnberg (Ger) bt A Florani (Aus), 6-4, 6-2

DAVIS CUP: Asia-Oceania group three (round-robin): Lebanon bt Qatar, 3-0; Saudi Arabia bt UAE, 2-1; Singapore bt Bahrain, 3-0; Bangladesh bt Syria, 3-0.

NOTTINGHAM: LTA spring satellite tournament: Men: Quarter-finals: T Henman (Oxford) bt J Delgado (Berks), 7-6, 6-3, W Arthurs (Aus) bt A Veust (Fr), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; P Kilderry (Aus) bt B Larkham (Aus), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, M Tebbutt (Aus) bt C Ferreira (SA), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. Women: Quarter-finals: L Richterova (Cz) bt S A Stockell (Dorset), 7-5, 6-3; I Salmon (Sussex) bt P Porkowska (US), 6-4, 6-4, N Egorova (Russ) bt V Lake (Devon), 6-2, 6-4, L Bois (Fr) bt R Mawdsley (Aus), 4-6, 6-0, 6-2

SHEFFIELD: LTA Series: Women: Semi-finals: I Wild (Notts) bt C Bright (Oxon), 6-2, 6-3, J Webster (Derbyshire) bt N Giles (Middlesex), 3-6, 6-3, 14-12.

WEIGHTLIFTING

SOFIA, Bulgaria: European championships: 76kg: 1, K Kapemakidsian (Armenia), 382.6kg; 2, Oleg Klichko (Belarus), 360; 3, A Kozlowski (Pol), 360; 4, A Edev (Russ), 357 5.

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Knee problem may keep England player out of World Cup tie

Fears for Gascoigne's future

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Worrying time: Gascoigne's visit to London specialist prompts speculation over knee he injured when playing for Tottenham Hotspur in 1991 Cup Final

BY JOHN GOODBODY

A QUESTION mark hung over Paul Gascoigne's future in football yesterday after a visit to a specialist in London. He has had recurring trouble with his right knee and is doubtful for England's World Cup match against Holland at Wembley on Wednesday.

When the Lazio and the former Tottenham Hotspur midfield player reported to the England training camp at Lilleshall on Thursday, he said he was suffering "a little discomfort" and missed training yesterday. This is the second blow to England's team for the international after the withdrawal on Thursday of Ian Wright, the Arsenal forward, with a broken toe.

Lazio approved the decision of the Football Association to get the opinion of a specialist as a "precaution" and the Rome club must be worried after paying out £4.5 million for the player last year.

However, Mel Stein, the player's adviser, said: "Sending Paul to London was just a precautionary measure to check that everything was OK. As far as I am aware, there are no problems and he is likely to train tomorrow."

He added that he had spoken to Gascoigne and he sounded "quite chirpy. It is nothing to do with his operation or Cup Final injury. Everyone is just being very cautious, as he is not in Italy with his club. There is no concern at all about the long-term prognosis."

It is believed to be the first occasion since his move from White Hart Lane that Gascoigne has had to consult a London specialist over the knee that he originally damaged in the 1991 FA Cup Final with a reckless tackle.

The player underwent a four-hour operation for severed cruciate and medial knee ligaments. The knee was rebuilt by John Browett, the Tottenham Hotspur surgeon. This included constructing a new anterior ligament, a third of it coming from the patella tendon, a third from a peice of bone in the knee cap and the rest from the shin bone.

Browett said at the time that the new ligament was stronger than the original, adding that he had no "qualms or inhibitions" about Gascoigne playing. He added: "He has done very well in recovering and I am happy with the grafted ligament. I have no doubt it will stand up to the rigours of international football." Browett was away yesterday and did not examine the player.

The Tottenham medical staff worked assiduously to help Gascoigne's rehabilitation, which was set back when he broke his knee cap in an incident in a night-club in Newcastle.

After 16 months recovering he played for Lazio against Genoa in September 1992, but received a blow to his right knee. It was not serious and he made a successful international comeback against Norway the following month. Last November, he was inspired against Turkey, scoring two goals but Graham Taylor, the England manager, expressed concern about his fitness in another World Cup game against San Marino in February.

Dr Ken Kingsbury, speaking yesterday about the problems for sportsmen in general in recovering from damaged knee ligaments, said: "If there is a simple tear to the cruciate ligaments, and if the surgeon achieves a satisfactory rebuilding of the knee and if the rehabilitation has not been rushed, then the chances of playing top-class sport should be excellent.

"However, often there is other damage suffered at the same time as the original injury. There can be irritation behind the knee and also wear-and- tear to the joint. The initial damage to the knee may have left some smaller problems, which need to be dealt with."

The arrival of four other players to the England camp has been held up. Trevor Steven has been visiting a dentist. Nigel Winterburn has been having treatment on an ankle injury and Manchester United's Gary Pallister and Lee Sharpe have been delayed because they have flu symptoms.

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Flashback to May 18, 1991, when Gascoigne damaged his right knee during the FA Cup final at Wembley and, above, diagram showing his injured knee

New claims over National fiasco

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

CAPTAIN Keith Brown, the Jockey Club official at the centre of the Grand National fiasco on April 3, faced new controversy yesterday after allegations were made suggesting he had rejected calls for a change to the starting system a month before the race at Aintree was declared void. Brown, officiating at Sandown, said: "Until the enquiry [into the start of the National] is over, I cannot say anything."

A report in *The Sporting Life* said that Rod Fabricius, the acting clerk of the course at Aintree, spoke and wrote to Brown in February about the archaic starting system following a meeting with a Jockey Club inspector of courses and other officials.

In particular, Fabricius raised worries about the reliability and efficiency of the "grey gate" starting method for a field of 40 horses, which involved 60 yards of tape being stretched across the track and lifted by slides either side. Brown, 64 and a starter at Aintree since 1988, was allegedly adamant that the existing system was his preferred method of starting the famous steeplechase.

To make matters worse, reservations about the Grand National starting system have reportedly been included in each annual Jockey Club inspectorate report on the race since 1988 — but no remedial action was taken.

The Jockey Club refused to confirm or deny the allegations yesterday. David Pipe, who faces the unenviable task, as Jockey Club spokesman, of defending racing's rulers on a growing number of fronts, said the claims would be considered by the enquiry headed by Sir Michael Connell, which is investigating what went wrong at Aintree. Its findings are due to be published in May.

Brown is scheduled to retire on August 14. At Sandown this afternoon, he will start the Whitbread Gold Cup, the last showpiece steeplechase of the season. Six of the 13 runners were involved in the Grand National.

Although the latest allegations add to initial post-National conclusions that Brown was largely to blame, Pipe denied that his career had ended in shame. "Keith Brown is an extremely strong and stalwart official," he said. "He is a man who can stand up to this sort of thing and I am sure he is happy to wait for another six weeks to get a totally authoritative version of what happened on that day."

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West Indies make most of Pakistan's generosity

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

PAKISTAN were very soon made to pay for two bad wicketkeeping errors when the second Test match began here yesterday. Phil Simmons, opening for the West Indies, was dropped off Waqar when he was four and six, both chances coming in the same over, and he went on to enjoy himself hugely while making 87 in 90 balls. Fifty minutes into the afternoon, West Indies were 142 for one.

It was an infinitely depressing start for Pakistan, who had every chance of taking the initiative when they won the toss and put West Indies in. The match had brought Barbados its first measurable rain for some weeks. Play, in fact, was stopped in only the second over. But only 25 minutes were lost, and West Indies still found time to score 95 runs before lunch.

There had been a disappointment for the large crowd when it was announced that West Indies had preferred Winston Benjamin (an Antiguan) to Cummins. It was because Cummins, a Barbadian, was not chosen for the Test match against South Africa here last year that virtually the whole island boycotted it.

Whichever side had won the toss would have fielded, and it was soon evident why, when, in the same over, Simmons was missed, first down the leg side by Moin Khan and then in front of first slip.

Having spent most of the first Test match taking the ball down by his ankles, Moin was tested now at shoulder height. But they were by no means difficult chances. Quite soon, Simmons hit Waqar for three fours in an over and after only 12 overs, West Indies were 50 for no wicket.

For an hour or more it was a good pitch on which to be bowling. There was enough lift in it, as distinct from pace, to test the batsmen's reflexes, and the ball moved off the seam. Haynes was beaten four or five times by Wasim, but it takes more than that to worry him. When Haynes's place was in doubt before the first Test match — he had a bad series in Australia recently — the Pakistanis were hoping he would be dropped. Like all his opponents, they have a high regard for his tenacity.

Simmons is an opportunist, and a dangerous one at that. The sight of him being put down the second time had brought Waqar to his knees and, when Waqar and Wasim came off, the next line of Pakistan's bowling looked decidedly ordinary. With Nazir, playing in his first Test match, being eagerly driven and hooked by Simmons, his and Rehman's first five overs cost 34 runs.

By the afternoon, the sun had burnt up what moisture there had been and, as Haynes and Simmons completed the second three-figure partnership in their 13 Tests as opening pair, the outlook for Pakistan was bleak.

They had had their chances and not taken them, and they had very little spin to fall back on as a means of containment. But at 122, in the 26th over, Simmons, hooking at a long hop from Rehman, was caught low down on the leg side by a grateful wicketkeeper.

☐ David Leatherdale, the Worcestershire batsman, will miss the first month of the new county season with a broken finger.

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SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings

D L Haynes not out	42
P V Simmons c Moin b Rehman	87
*R B Richardson not out	1
Extras (nb 7,w 1)	14
Total (1 wkt)	142

FALL OF WICKET: 1-122.

B C Lara, K L T Arthurton, C L Hooper, †J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose and C A Walsh to bat.

PAKISTAN: Aamir Sohail, Ramiz Raja, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Javed Miandad, Basit Ali, Asif Mujtaba, *Wasim Akram, †Moin Khan, Waqar Younis, Ata-ur-Rehman, Aamir Nazir.

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Witchcraft made to measure

A witchcraft scandal is sweeping through Italian football. It all started with a taped phone conversation between Giovanni Galeoni, the former manager of the first division club, Pescara, who was sacked this season, and a witch, *una maga*, called Miriam Lebel. She is said to be a psychologist as well as a witch and to "carry her 50 years well". In the conversation, she talks of a number of fixed matches and of the alleged fixer, the club's general manager, Pier Paolo Marino, to whom she refers throughout as *il serpente*. It has been concluded that Signora Lebel has been drawing a salary for her witchly services to Pescara.

This has sparked endless stories about the huge importance of witchcraft in the Italian game. One near-legendary figure, who allegedly worked with Enzo Bearzot, the manager who won the 1982 World Cup for Italy, also works as a tailor. You get your suit made and the magic is included in the price.

There is also a Calabrian wizard used by several clubs to call up "vast gamma rays and negative influxes". The president of Sampdoria is said to have his own witch. But the oddest allegation of all is that Ron Saunders used a witch called Mario Rossini to remove the evil eye from Birmingham City.

Late starter

This column's heroine of the week can only be Mrs Jose Waller, of Newton Abbot, who took up running at the age of 62 when she could "run 100 yards and then walk to the next lamp-post". She completed the Nutra-Sweet London Marathon last Sunday in 3hr 49min 02sec to become the fastest woman in the world over 70. She runs 50 miles a week and that was her thirteenth marathon.



SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

Charlie Brown, who has played little league baseball for 43 years, has just scored his first home run. The character from the Peanuts cartoon strip told the world: "I hit a home run in the ninth inning, and we won! I was the hero." Charles Schulz, the strip's author, said mysteriously: "I think it's a mistake to be unfaithful to your readers, always to be letting them down."

Less official

Here is the latest news from Utopia. Well, Cornwall actually. When Goonhavern took on Gulval in the Mining Division League recently, the referee failed to turn up for the match. There was no one else who fancied taking on the job so the teams decided they had better just get on with it. So they did. Four goals were scored, the game flowed nicely and nobody was sent off.



Imran remains retiring sort

As the Pakistan cricket team were thumped by West Indies in the first Test match in the Caribbean this week, one expects almost hourly to hear news of the return of Imran Khan, persuaded out of retirement yet again by the country's leading politicians. I am told that, when the inevitable call comes, Imran will, for once, refuse.

He is now his country's ambassador for tourism — no doubt he will take Ian Botham on as his assistant — and he also works as adviser to the Pakistan board of cricket.

And he has two important projects this year: the impending completion of his cancer hospital and the building of a house in the Salt Range Mountains, three miles from Lahore. It will be built in 180 acres in a valley, which he intends to block off "to benefit the animals and the environment."

Bare truth

Nicky Winmar, from the great sport of Australian No Rules Football, has stirred up a storm across the country by raising his jersey. After an inspirational performance when St Kilda beat mighty Collingwood last weekend, he turned to the Collingwood fans and bared his chest for them.

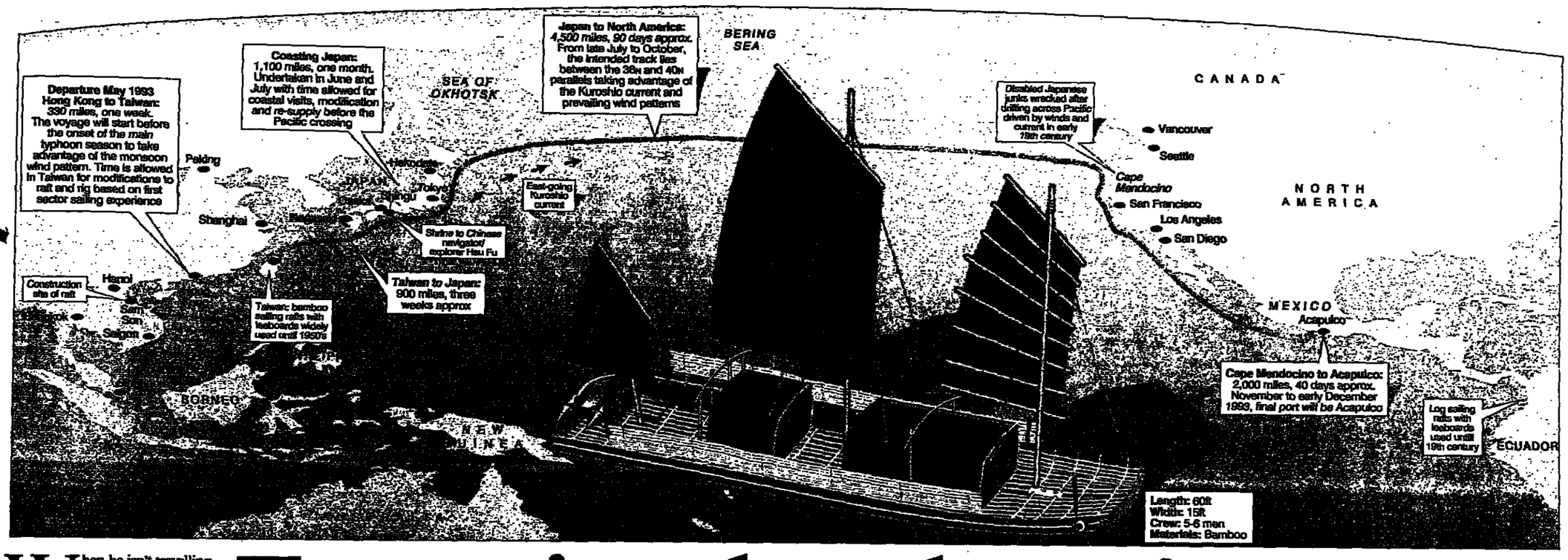
He pointed at what was revealed. "I'm black," he said incontrovertibly, and added, equally incontrovertibly: "And I'm proud of it." He then departed, blowing kisses to the opposing supporters, who had given Winmar, an aboriginal, racist abuse throughout the game.

Inevitably, the incident, dramatising a simple truth as sport so often does, has provoked a storm of reaction. "The fact that he felt the need to remonstrate reflects badly on our society," said Senator Bolkus, minister for immigration and ethnic affairs. "His action deserves our support".

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Miles Clark finds out why explorer and writer Tim Severin is planning to cross the Pacific on a raft



To sea in a bamboo sieve

When he isn't travelling Tim Severin, high priest of high adventure, lives in a modest house the colour of black cherry yoghurt, one of a single row that forms the heart of Courtmacsherry in county Cork, Ireland, his home for the past 20 years. The small first-floor study where his expeditions begin and end looks out across a low tidal estuary. The house holds few trappings of other pastimes. Almost every breath he takes is geared towards the next historical conundrum. His new project, the China voyage, is probably his most intriguing yet, certainly his most demanding. As he readily admits: "Without the experience I'd gained from my other voyages, it might not have happened at all."

Next month he is setting sail from Hong Kong in a 60ft bamboo raft bound for Taiwan, Japan, and then across the Pacific to America, seeking to explain the extraordinary similarities between the high cultures of pre-Columbian America and the ancient civilisations of Asia — parallels in art, architecture, burial practices, myths and technology.

By any standards, this is a voyage of derring-do: 6,500 miles in an extremely uncomfortable and potentionally dangerous vessel. The main structure is three layers of 4in diameter bamboo, raked upwards at the bow, and lashed together with 30 miles of rattan vine. Buoyancy is provided by the closed cells that form the structure of the bamboo. Two small bamboo cabins thatched with palm leaves and covered with bamboo matting (proofed with a mixture of sawdust and tree lacquer) provide the only shelter for the five to six-man multinational crew. And that isn't the really uncomfortable part. The raft depends for its survival on the poetically-named "wash-through" principle, absorbing wave power by allowing the sea to break through the structure of the hull. With the bamboo deck standing little more than a foot above the water, the raft will sometimes be more under the water than on it. Even Severin concedes that the voyage will be a little damp — "at least we won't have to pump any bilges," he says.

When asked, Severin calmly lists his concerns about this hair-raising voyage. "The rattan which binds the raft together may disintegrate, or the bamboo itself may become waterlogged so that the raft sinks. Bamboo is succulent stuff for certain forms of marine life, so it could be eaten during the voyage. Any rough weather brings with it the danger of capsizing — once a raft like this has overturned it cannot be righted. But one of my main worries is the crossing through the Taiwan Straits and around Japan: there is often dense fog and heavy traffic. It's a bit like a pedestrian walking across a motorway in the fog."

An ingenious, minute on-board computer intended mainly to pass back news to *The Times* during the voyage can also send distress signals in the event of crisis.

If anyone has the experience to cope with these hazards, it is Severin: at 53 his record is formidable. Since 1976, he has tested the myths surrounding six legendary travellers — St Brendan, Sindbad of the Sea, Jason, Ulysses, Duke Godfrey de Bouillon (the hero of the First Crusade) and, most recently, Genghis Khan. With one exception, his endeavours on sea and saddle have not only been paid for by book and film royalties, but have earned him a comfortable living. *National Geographic* convenes special meetings to hear his latest projects. The Royal Geographical Society requests matinées of his lectures; and although he has not convinced all the critics all the time — one review of *The Ulysses Voyage* ran under the headline *A Load of Rowlocks* — his books have been translated into 18 languages.

MILES CLARK, sailor, traveller, photographer and distinguished author of *High Endeavours*, died suddenly last weekend, aged 32, leaving a wife and child. In this article, written shortly before he died and published with his family's permission, he talks to fellow explorer and friend Tim Severin, who next month sets out to sail the Pacific on a bamboo raft.


MILES CLARK
Sailor in a silk cravat: Tim Severin at his home in county Cork

As always, this latest voyage is inspired by a character, in this case a Chinese navigator, Hsu Fu, who in the 3rd century BC was dispatched eastward in search of life-prolonging drugs. His emperor was Shi Huang Di, whose tomb in Xian is guarded by the great army of terracotta warriors. The Annals of China for 218BC describe how the Emperor "set three thousand young men and girls at Hsu Fu's disposal, gave him the seeds of the five grains, and artisans of every sort, after which [he] set sail again". Whether Hsu Fu's fleet reached Japan or America or drowned along the way is almost irrelevant. The raft is named in his honour.

According to Professor Joseph Needham, the doyen of historians of Chinese science: "The voyage is extremely important, not only to the history of exploration, but to the whole study of civilisation in general. If it succeeds in crossing the Pacific, there will be every reason to believe that the Chinese made the same voyage more than two millennia ago in their Formosan sailing rafts. There is no other satisfactory explanation for the cultural similarities between the continents."

Until Professor Needham sowed the seeds of this idea, Severin had more or less given up the sea. "The cost of building replica ships had risen much faster than royalties could pay for them. But when someone of Needham's standing focused the debate, the idea became irresistible." In Vietnam, Severin found raft fishermen who still build native sailing rafts similar to those used in Taiwan until the 1950s. Colin Mudie, the naval architect responsible for Severin's three previous ships, again gave shape to his research: a half-size model was built and tested, and early this year 30 Vietnamese craftsmen built the full-size raft in less than 40 days.

What of the crew? His ideal crew, he says, is made up of people who know more about sailing and rig than he does. "All of us have our strengths and each man does what he's good at."

For this voyage, he is joined yet again by Trondur Patursson, the endlessly resourceful Faroese fisherman and artist who first sailed with him in *Brendan*. Two young Britons, Rex Warner and Joe Beynon (the on-board photographer), are crewing for the first time, along with two highly experienced raftsmen — Mr Hoi and Mr Loi — provided Severin can get passports and visas for them to leave Vietnam.

Comforts will be extremely few. Cooking is on paraffin (charcoal was too bulky, and rather alarming on a wooden raft). On the three-month, 4,500-mile leg from Japan to California, rainwater will be caught and stored in bamboo tubes as part of the experiment, and also in modern plastic flasks for safety.

In times to come, if anyone sets out to recreate Severin's voyages and journeys, he or she will need an impressive collection of skills, to say nothing of time and money. It is now more than 18 years since I saw him unfold the plans for his first major enterprise: a voyage from Ireland to America in a replica 6th-century *curragh*. My father had led a shorter voyage — from Ireland to Scotland — in a similar craft a few years earlier. As Severin spread the plans across my family's kitchen table, he explained that the aim was to prove that Irish monks in leather craft could have reached America more than a thousand years before Columbus. And Severin proved that it was possible.

His ready humour and quiet, rather bookish delivery are hugely compelling. But even at 14, I had trouble imagining this mild, tweed-suited, impeccably-mannered figure contending with an offshore gale. Ten years later I sailed with him on the Jason voyage, seeking a historical basis for the legend of the Golden Fleece. We discovered that when sheepskins in Georgia are washed in the local rivers they pick up a fine, glittering layer of gold dust from the water. I discovered, too, how he takes on the sea and inspires others to do the same.

And yet, when I visited him the other week in southwest Cork, on the eve of his latest venture, it was still hard to equate this affable, greying writer, in his silk cravat, with some of his achievements. Was this really the man who had survived on a diet of sheep guts with a troop of Mongol horsemen?

● *Tim Severin's book* The China Voyage *will be published by Little, Brown (UK) & Co in October 1994.*

EXCLUSIVE: FOLLOW TIM SEVERIN'S CHINA VOYAGE IN THE TIMES

Hit me with your tickling stick

A countrywide cure for tension is a mere finger's length away

WEEKEND *voice*
MARY KILLEN

In the days before we had Sunday trading and flexitime and motorways to tempt you on hundred-mile social journeys, most Britons would "relax" at weekends.

As we didn't all move house every three years, we didn't have to spend every spare moment on home improvement — the houses were already good enough to live in. On Saturdays we went for walks to beauty spots (in the days before video-nasty watchers lay in wait there). On Sundays we went to church, and then ate a deadly combination of protein and starch in the form of the traditional British Sunday lunch. It was tantamount to taking knock-out drops, and countrywide we lolled back in stupefaction.

Now the whole face of relaxation has changed. The distinction between weekdays and weekends has been blurred and relaxation has to be slotted into our schedules along with work, home improvements and exercise. It has become a duty in its own right, and hence something to rebel against. "If you don't relax you'll have a heart attack." "Why don't you just relax? You can't go to every party. You'll make yourself ill."

Whatever the antonym of onomatopoeia is, that term applies to relax. Relax is a very unrelaxing sounding word, and has connotations of a doctor's instruction.

Unwinding is, I think, a much better word. Unwinding is a much more attractive notion, too, and now that we are all bored by the non-stop sex bombardment of today, I feel sure that the time is right for my friend Jo and me to see our ambitions realised — for tickling parlours to be set up countrywide. We would have started the first one ourselves, but finance was a problem.

It has always baffled Jo and me that people think massage, saunas or going to brothels is relaxing, when it is quite clear that being tickled is far nicer and more blissful-making. Jo and her husband, Gerry, were key members of the Beauforts — a group of friends who lived in or around Beaufort Street in Chelsea/Fulham in the Eighties. It was they who spearheaded the after-dinner-party tickling circles that we enjoyed then.

Every dinner party Jo and Gerry gave ended up with their friends lying on sofas having their inner arms tickled by the person next to them. Just light, teasing tickling — completely asexual. Hair-brushing came under the blanket term "tickling", and was also enjoyed by members of the set.

I don't see why there would need to be anything unsavoury about a tickling parlour. Tickling has nothing to do with sex whatsoever. Of course the tickleurs and tickleuses would have to handle strangers, but that is no different from what happens in a hairdresser's or an above-the-board massage parlour.

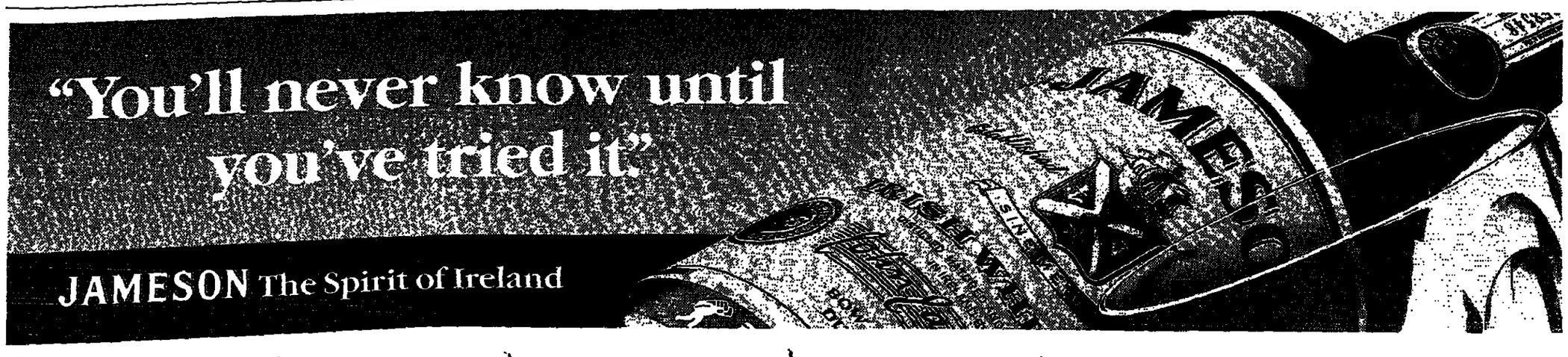
Were I to be in charge of a chain of tickling parlours, I would implement the following additional aids to unwinding: crackling log fires in the grate, kittens playing with balls of wool, and giant tanks with tropical fish swimming around. Also trees waving in the breeze outside the windows and, ideally — though this, of course, would not be possible in cities where tickling parlours are most needed — waves crashing in nearby. Tickling could be carried out with the aid of feathers or small sticks, depending on what the ticklee wanted, and I am sure everyone would be happy.

While we wait for a financier with vision to set this chain of parlours a-going, there is an alternative tickling experience for readers who live near a Japanese hairdressing salon. "Where do you get your hair trimmed?" I asked a colleague one day. "Fenwicks?"

"Fenwicks is good for a trim," she replied, "but it's just as cheap to go to the Japanese salon in Brook Street, and you have a full shiatsu massage thrown in."

We were the only non-Japanese in the salon, but all around us customers' heads lolled in relief as strong fingers drove through their hair, and conducted relaxation into and tension out of their heads, necks, and shoulders. It is seen as a natural concomitant of hairdressing to the Japanese, and is the nearest thing currently available to a commercial tickling parlour.

In the meantime, it would be nice if one of the television channels brought back the "Interlude" — those interprogramme five and ten-minute films of things like fish tanks, which we all used to unwind to as we watched in the Sixties.



Messing about in a French boat

When **Harvey Elliott** took his son to Burgundy to improve his language skills, progress was quicker on dry land

Teenagers, especially those facing ordeal by A-level, influence the choice of family holidays far more than, perhaps, they should. When teachers maintain that the only way of ensuring a good exam grade is to hear the language spoken by a native of the country being studied, and then ask pointedly where the family holiday will be taken, the moral pressure to head for, in my case, France is enormous.

School-arranged exchanges, while useful in throwing the youngster into a real-life family environment, never seem to qualify as a holiday, and are invariably followed by demands for a "real" family break.

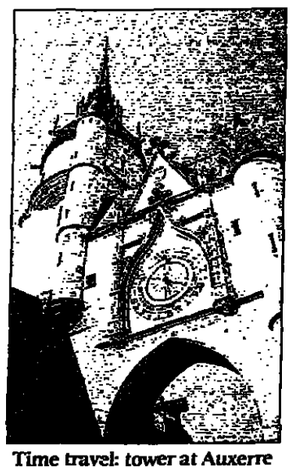
Anyway, by the time the child is in his or her late teens, the idea of going off with the parents is beginning to pall: any holiday *à trois* may be the last. Casting aside the brochures offering packages in Spain or Greece, therefore, we decided to combine the final family holiday with education and make for France.

"We get many parents wanting to let their children hear French as it really is," Mike Bruce-Mitford, who runs French holiday specialists VFB, says. "I reckon that a week on a canal boat in Burgundy with a week in a gîte would be ideal."

Now there are in life two distinct types: those who enjoy life in a caravan, and those who don't. For the former, a week on a canal boat in Burgundy — and a canal boat is really only a floating caravan — is ideal, providing ample opportunity for the offspring to talk to *éclusiers* (lock keepers) along the way. So perhaps there is something wrong with our family because, after only a few days afloat, we could not wait to get to the gîte. To make matters worse, most of the French which had been spoken so far was my own, rusty after 30 years of disuse, while the young man for whom the holiday was arranged steered the boat.

Caravanners relish living cheek by jowl, neatly stacking clothes and equipment, making up comfortable beds from bench seats, cooking on miniature stoves and using small extendable basin taps as hand-held showers. Yet even the "luxurious" cruiser, specially designed for the French canals, had for us only the disadvantages of a caravan. The pace of living is, indeed, slow. Chugging at no more than 5 mph through Burgundy sounds, and is, peaceful. There are wonderful moments, such as seeing a heron flying slowly before you, pausing to pluck a fish from the canal and then gently peeling away from the boat as you approach.

There are exquisite lock-keepers' cottages and seemingly deserted villages, magnificent châteaux, and dreaming fields of sunflowers and wheat stretching into the distance. The bikes carried on the boats provide the chance to wander into



Time travel: tower at Auxerre

villages such as Tanlay, Cry and Ancy-le-Franc, which appear not to have changed for centuries — except to have lost many of their small butchers and bakers to the burgeoning hypermarkets on the outskirts of the bigger towns.

But at the end of the day, after finding a place to tie up for the night, you still have to prepare your bed from what had been a seat, a task which completely defeated me. On the penultimate night of our week's stay, I wrestled for more than an hour to fit together the cushions into some form of a mattress, before giving in and deciding that the final night would be spent in a hotel with a proper bed and a bath.

Maybe I had not spent enough time in the Scouts or the Army to appreciate the finer points of the outdoor life. Maybe I'm just a wimp. I was longing for the comforts of a hotel or a house — and found them the day after we left the boat at St Florentin.

VFB has spent years compiling a list of gîtes which meet the standards demanded by today's holiday-maker, and the farmhouse suggested for us in Fromenteau, some 30 miles north of Dijon, was everything it promised: a village of only six farms, gearing up for the harvest; swallows nesting in the eaves; a small lake just a few hundred yards away which was a haven for wildlife of all kinds; the stunning Burgundian countryside all around; and Beaune, with its ancient buildings, cafés and wine cellars little more than an hour's drive away.

Although the cottage did not have a bath, it did have an efficient shower and all modern conveniences, including large, comfortable beds.

Village life was going on all around our gîte. Milk had to be bought from the farmer, details of where to visit had to be asked of the locals, and with the daily chats with the gîte's owner, there was a constant, living French lesson.

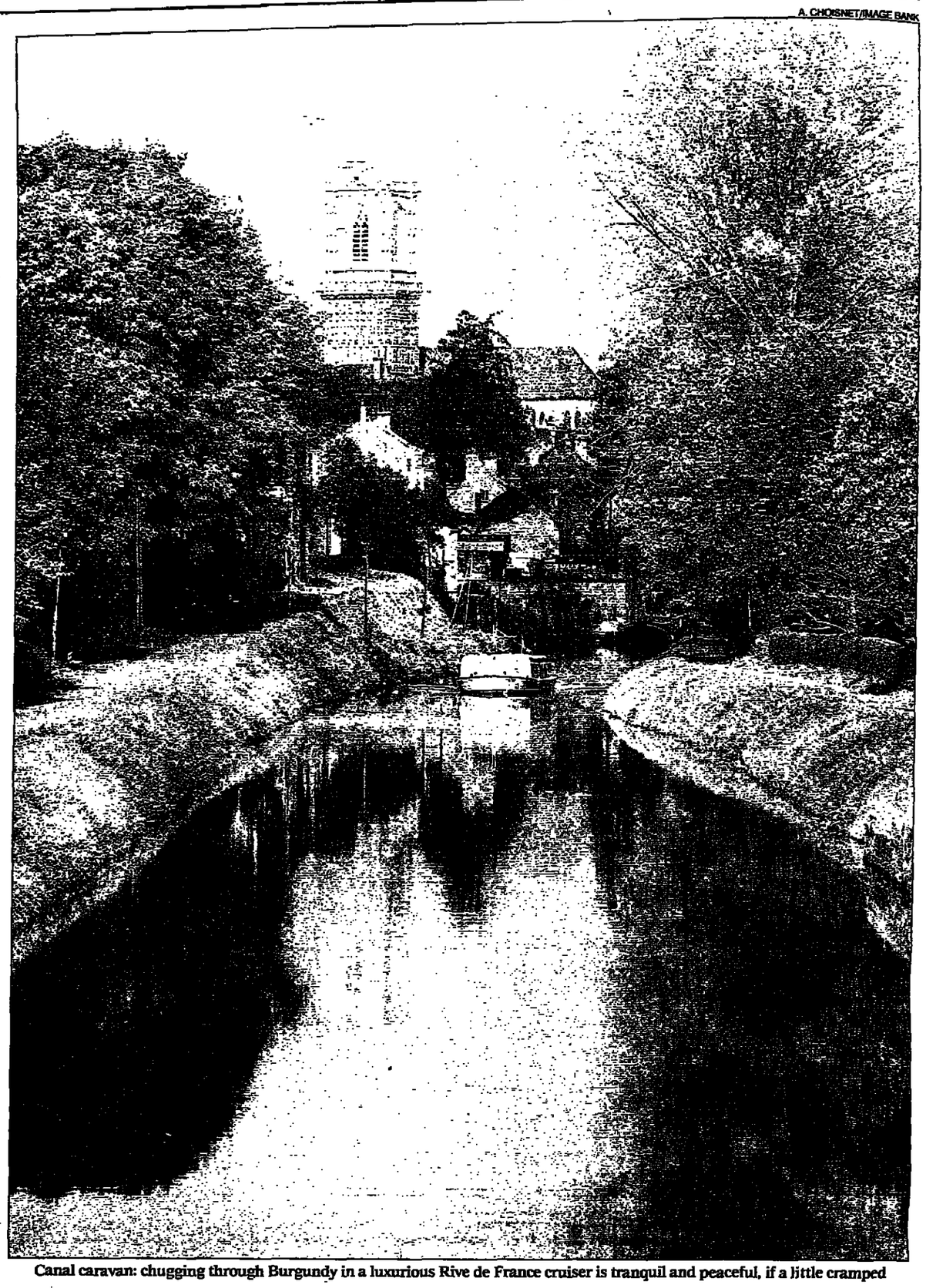
Even though, after three days, my son told me that conversational French was not really what he now needed to learn, but rather his A level revolved more around the translation and interpretation of Molière, I cannot believe that it did no good at all. After all, he got up one morning at 4.30 to go with the local farmer's son to watch the deer and other animals at dawn in the nearby forest.

The whole trip costs in total about £2,800, including ferry crossing from Dover to Calais by Sealink, hire of the boat for a week, one night in a hotel halfway to Burgundy with single room supplement, a week in the gîte, and all food, petrol and incidentals. The ferry crossing and the boat hire for one week cost £1,719, while travel and the hire of the gîte for one week alone would be £406 plus "living" costs.

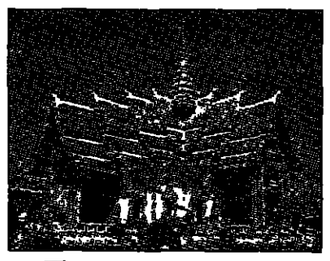
All I can hope is that the oral examiner for A-level students this summer wants to know all about *éclusiers*, *la moisson* (harvest), or the advantage of *asticots* (maggots) over *vers de terre* (earthworms) with which to catch fish in the *voies navigables de Bourgogne*.

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The wildlife Rover of Exmoor

On safari with a guide in North Devon's friendly wilderness

THERE is something incongruous about taking a safari in Exmoor. Exmoor, after all, is not the Masai Mara and, unlike Longleat or Whipsnade, this wild moorland, straddling Devon and Somerset, with its drizzle and wooded combes, is not stocked with exotic foreign fauna.

And therein lies the charm of this peculiar expedition along rutted tracks, past waterfalls, through pasture and the imposing open moorland that characterises Exmoor National Park.

The journey begins, as every English safari should, outside The Anchor, a quaint public house in the slumbering hamlet of Exebridge, to the west of Barnstaple. Stephen Rees-Jones, a former policeman, greets his clientèle here from behind the wheel of a Land Rover, painted brown as camouflage. The Devonian equivalent of a safari guide, he is dressed in corduroys and sweater, armed with numerous detailed maps, binoculars, and a pastie and flask of coffee.

Behind his ruddy countenance lies a formidable knowledge of each and every contour of Exmoor: "I could never say that I know the park," he says. "I just know it better than most."

Mr Rees-Jones is not a fast driver. Invariably, the vehicle will stop abruptly on a steep incline as its driver glimpses deer in the middle distance, a kingfisher by the stream, or that quintessential local, the Exmoor pony.

Exmoor and the northern coast of Devon, known as Devonia, offer a friendly wilderness only a few hours from London or the Midlands, a hideaway virtually unspoilt by the tourism that is integral to its existence.

The West Country retreat offers the largest congregation of red deer south of the Scottish border, has a coastline to match the best in Britain, and numerous interesting churches and gardens for the less hearty. Add the diverse walks, the picturesque coves of Lynmouth and Combe Martin, the mandatory cream teas, and Devon seems a very pleasant place to spend a few days.

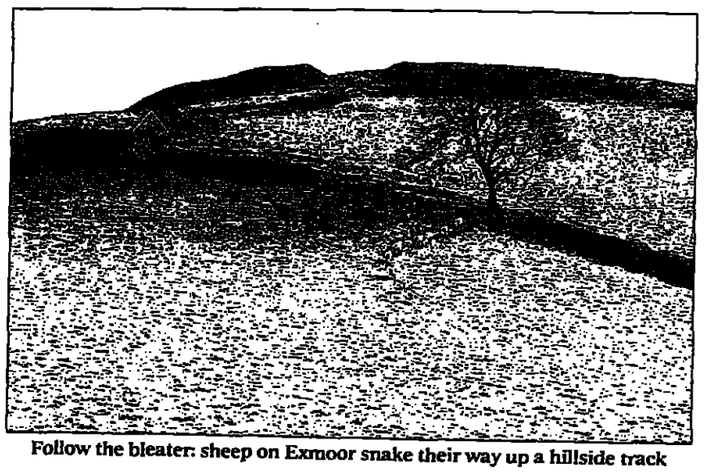
If there is any criticism at all, then it is that Devon, like so many areas in Britain reliant on tourism, has succumbed to marketing. If North Yorkshire is "Herriot Country", Devon has the all-pervasive presence of *Tarka the Otter* and *Lorna Doone*. The awesome scenery is sometimes marred by the sudden appearance of a "Tarka Trail" with little hope of sighting an otter, or by the endless reference in signs, building and shop names to the Doone family. But if you are one of those idle travellers who leave untouched the brochures in the hotel room, these are minor irritations.

Imagine, instead, the black and red tunics of the local hunts in full gallop across the undulating plain of Exmoor. Every weekend in the season, stalwart bands of bawling riders, baying hounds and eager observers clog the small roads across the moor. On a clear day they can be spotted from a great distance as they hunt fox or deer, invariably pursued by saboteurs.

Take a walk along the coastline, with cliffs climbing suddenly like giant molars out of the sea, and stagger down to one of the many deserted beaches, unspoilt by pollutants. Or perhaps head for the moors and search for the infamous Beast of Exmoor — a puma long escaped from captivity — either by foot or, if fitness does not permit, through the good offices of Stephen Rees-Jones and his Moorland Rover.

TOM RHODES

● *Tom Rhodes stayed at the Saunton Sands Hotel, Saunton, near Barnstaple (0271 890212). Exmoor is three hours from London and two from Birmingham by train. Moorland Rover can be contacted through The Anchor pub (0398 23433).*



Follow the bleater: sheep on Exmoor snake their way up a hillside track

CORRECTION

Some errors crept into two recent editions of Weekend for which we apologise. On April 10 a property map moved Kirkudbrightshire from south to north Scotland, and a photograph of a courtyard in the Alhambra palace, Spain was wrongly captioned as an interior shot. The Otter Trust mentioned last week is in Suffolk, not Norfolk; and we muddled the names of two of the London barristers featured on What to Wear, who are in fact Camille Habboo and Helen Carter.

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Crumbs of cold comfort in the hungriest month

A couple of years ago, on a fine March day when the soft spring breezes were beginning to blow, I offered a farmer a load of what I thought to be spare mangelwurzels. He did quite fancy them, but sensing he was dealing with a novice, he politely refused. "Remember," he said to me, "April is the hungriest month."

Until this year, I did not have a clue what he meant. In my short farming career, we have had a succession of mild winters and early springs. No sooner have the clocks gone forward than it has been time to liberate the horses and cattle from winter yards on to blossoming pastures. Not this year.

The thermometer has refused to budge above the ten-degree mark and the clear night skies have given us frosts. Any blade of grass sensing warmth and rising to the occasion has received a sharp nocturnal rebuke, and returned to its slumbers until spring should truly arrive.



It is more of a problem for organic farmers than for conventional ones, for chemicals can pull the wool very effectively over the eyes of growing plants. Nitrogen-fed grass is already tall and waffling in the breeze, having been fed to the point of having so much fat on it that it can keep out any cold. We organic chaps must wait for the soil to warm before we have a field of grass fit for a cow to eat. I agree: April *is* the hungriest month. Let it be over soon.

But just because April is the hungriest month outdoors, don't expect most farmers' tables to be anything but fully laden at the moment, for there has been an amazing transformation in their fortunes. Six months ago, I stood next to a seed merchant at a farm auction. The machinery was being sold because the farmer had thrown in his hat and signed his land over to a huge conglomerate: another of the small boys had bitten the dust. "These farm sales are like a cancer to me," the merchant said. "This is not only another bit of my business going, it's the end of rural life."

The same man arrived on this farm a couple of days ago with a beam across his face. "Things haven't been so good in years. It's amazing. I've sold more expensive seed this week than I've sold for as many years as I can remember. Yes, things are really on the up."

Amazing what a devaluation can do to a farmer's pocket. Of course, he's right. Despite expert predictions that farming was heading for a colossal slump, land becoming worthless, a glance at the columns of the farming press will reveal not so much the green shoots as a rainforest of recovery.



For example, wheat for breadmaking was £125 per tonne this time last year; it is now £170. Cattle were making 110p per kilogram 12 months ago, now they fetch 135p.

On top of this, farmers are being paid *not* to grow crops under the set-aside scheme. Imagine this translated into industrial terms: if factories suddenly found they were able to command prices 30 per cent higher, close down a section of their works and be paid to do so, do you think the CBI would celebrate with a mere annual conference? More like a party in Hyde Park.

But I do not begrudge farmers their bonus. The small, family farmer has had a difficult time. My main concern is what all this means for the countryside in which I live and work. I fear it is not good news.

When prices were low, farmers could hardly be expected to find spare cash to help the beleaguered land. With every penny counting, every square inch of land had to be farmed to the most intensive degree. Now that prices have rocketed, nothing will change; suspicious farmers haunted by volatile European farming policies will now be desperate to cushion themselves from a feared collapse. Every square inch of land will be under a chemical blitz to ensure a bumper and highly profitable crop.

Still waiting patiently is the organic farmer, who knows he has many of the solutions. We would have created no grain surpluses, nor needed set-aside to control production. There would have been no need for the RSPCA's welfare code: ours is already stricter. But the pundits say organic farming cannot work (given the wayward nature of their recent predictions, that is quite cheering).

Never mind. The government is about to announce a financial aid scheme for organic farmers: pitifully small, but something. In the hungriest month, a crumb from the rich man's table.

Norman conquest of Essex

Derwent May finds out how a Norman castle and village came to be built in the shadow of Stansted airport

As the train from London to Cambridge passes through the Essex countryside, many passengers are startled to notice a great grass mound topped with a sturdy palisade that declares itself to be "Stansted Mountfitchet Castle and Norman Village". It is on the edge of the village of Stansted, from which the airport, a few miles away, takes its name.

Stansted high street consists of a peaceful line of half-timbered houses, but the signs of tourist success are plain. There are two Indian and two Chinese restaurants, and the wine shop has a second line in fine porcelain. A few yards up the hill is the main gate of the castle, from which two severed heads look down on passers-by.

Alan Goldsmith, an enterprising local man who started all this development, bought the then overgrown mound in the early 1980s. It was all that was left on the site of a stone Norman castle belonging to Richard de Mountfitchet, one of the barons who opposed King John at the time of Magna Carta. The castle was destroyed by the king, and in time vanished under earth and bushes.

Mr Goldsmith, aged 53, who had made his living organising everything from skiffle groups to air shows, had the dream of digging out and restoring the castle. But he met opposition on all sides, from the local council to English Heritage. So he has done something different.

On top of the mound he has built a wooden castle like the one that the first Norman lord of Stansted lived in. "I am one of the few people to have built a castle this century," he says. An oak palisade surrounds both the inner bailey, where the lord's house is, and the outer bailey, where there are numerous wattle and daub buildings of oak and hazel, including a church (blessed by a bishop), a potter's hut, prison, weaving and dye house and blacksmith's shop.

All these buildings are on a bright greensward, where animals and birds drift among the visitors. Most notable are three fallow deer — Clover, a dappled Bambi; Clover's fawn; and a darker-furred deer which was found by the police with a broken leg and offered to Mr Goldsmith, who healed it.

Clover attaches herself to men whom she thinks look like good bucks and rubs the musk gland on her face against their coats. She also tends to snatch the schoolchildren's sandwiches and worksheets, and eats them all.



MARTIN BEDDALL

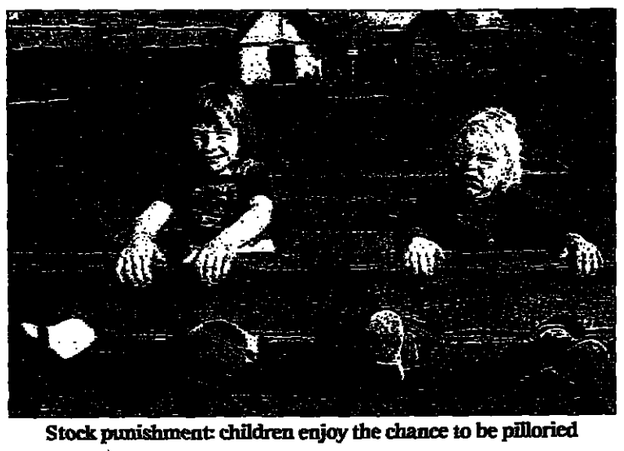
Lording it over the manor: the wooden battlements of the Mountfitchet Castle and Norman Village complex look down on Stansted, Essex

Mr Goldsmith does not profess to be a historian, but he is fascinated by history and he got expert advice as he slowly built his model. He had a geophysical survey done to ascertain from carbon deposits where buildings stood, and the new huts are distributed about the two baileys very much as they would have been in the 11th century.

Two archaeologists advised Mr Goldsmith on the buildings, the tools to use, and the contents. He brought in a specialist thatcher, a wattle and daub plasterer and a well-known heraldic painter, Ronald Frakes. No nails have been used in the construction of the huts, only oak pegs: iron, as the Normans well knew, would be quickly eaten away by the acid in the oak beams.

He has brought appropriate objects from other parts of the world — a boar's head for the lord's table from France, and a whole pigskin wineholder from Cyprus, where such things are still in use. The gallows from which a corpse dangles, the pillory that is always full of schoolboys, and the catapult (or mangonel) capable of hurling some hefty flints, have all been carefully constructed with expert advice.

At the same time, Mr Goldsmith is very much a showman. In the craftsmen's huts, heat-seeking sensors detect the warmth from visitors' bodies and activate recorded commentaries. As you climb the stairs to the lord's bedroom, you hear him grumbling about all the disturbance.



Stock punishment: children enjoy the chance to be pilloried

There is another attraction at Stansted Mountfitchet: a toy museum, called "The House on the Hill". For many years, Mr Goldsmith has built up a collection of modern toys and games, and it is now on show in the house that was included when he bought the mound. He and his wife, Kathy, have retreated to two rooms in the house and rebuilt the rest to accommodate the exhibition, which ranges from pre-war lead soldiers (now banned from sale as toxic) and cookery sets (also now banned because the edges are too sharp), to space and science fiction toys.

Mr Goldsmith's idea is that visitors from seven to 70 will exclaim "I had one of those", and go on to find out more about it.

He is still rather indignant about the lack of support he received from official bodies in the early days of the venture. "One thing I've learnt," he says, "is that the feudal system was still in existence long after the second world war." Probably it is right that the mound should keep its secrets until a serious archaeological dig is set up to reveal them. Meanwhile, Mr Goldsmith's exhibition helps to bring history alive for children. School parties flock in, not only from this country but from France, Belgium and Germany.

Naturally, the village has forgotten its original doubts as tourism has brought prosperity to the little high street.

Mr Goldsmith's business has been a fair success, in spite of the £30,000 a year he has to pay in local rates. It helps that his wife looks after the administration and that his son, Jeremy, is the technological wizard of the castle.

Mr Goldsmith regards himself as a visionary, and he has a new dream: he is looking out for a stretch of woodland where he wants to create a "magic forest".

It will be a place where wild animals and birds can learn to trust humans. He would like visitors to this forest to mingle with the badgers and the nightingales as freely as they now do with Clover and the peacocks in his castle bailey.

● *Mountfitchet Castle and Toy Museum, Stansted, Essex. Open from March 14 to November 14. Admission prices, including reduced rates for adult and school parties, from 0279 813237.*

Dormice are innocent, OK?

Furry and harmless, the common dormouse is no longer so common

When I learnt that National Dormouse Week "devoted to the conservation of the common dormouse (*Muscardinus avellanarius*)" was coming up this year, I was reminded of the case of the dormouse, the tennis racket and the unsettled insurance claim.

It started with our stay in a remote chalet in Wales. The owner had neglected the place for years and the wildlife had moved in. Even the dormice, which lived in woodland beyond the garden fence, had overcome their natural aversion to human habitations.

The dormice did not show themselves much, but we put out a saucer of nuts in the kitchen in case they felt hungry. One night, we had to catch one of these light-brown, furry-tailed rodents when it got lost in the sitting room, and carried it back to its woodland habitat.

A few nights later, the dormice repaid our hospitality by gnawing their way into my tennis bag and devouring a packet of glucose tablets. They also tested the strings of two newly-strung rackets for a possible source of nutrition.

My insurance covered damage to personal property and I put in a claim to get the chewed rackets re-strung. The insurance company was obviously shaken. Dormice were an unexpected hazard. After a few days, an executive phoned to say he was sorry but my policy did not cover damage by vermin. I argued that dormice were not vermin. Naturalists were doing what they could to help dormice survive. It was, I said, almost an endangered species.

The executive accepted that naturalists would not work to conserve vermin, yet maintained that dormice were vermin. Was there not a contradiction here? No, he said, it was the company's definition of vermin that mattered. The company never settled my claim.

Later, when considering this odd encounter, I thought that perhaps the dormice were innocent after all. Maybe the real culprits were wood mice lurking in the undergrowth? But these harmless little mammals would have been even more verminised by the insurance company.

However, although wood mice are not a problem for nature conservation, the common dormouse is. The basic problem is the decline of its natural habitat of open broadleaf woodlands, especially hazel coppices. The spread of commercial coniferous forests has not helped.

National Dormouse Week runs from October 27 to November 3. It was chosen because it is the time when hazelnuts, the favourite food for dormice, are ready to eat, and anyone walking through hazel coppices should be able to see the nut shells on the ground with the characteristic teeth marks of the dormouse. If hazelnuts are in short supply, you might like to feed the dormice. But watch out for your tennis rackets.

EDWARD ASHPOLE





Feather report

Egged on by cuckoo's sounds of spring

Cuckoo! You hear the call a long way off, and you head towards it, scanning the treetops, *Derwent May writes.*

But all too often it remains a "wandering voice", falling silent, then mocking you again from as far away as ever. Yet sometimes you get an unexpected view of a cuckoo. The one I remember best was at Kyleakin, on the Isle of Skye.

I had come across on the five-minute ferry trip from Kyle of Lochalsh the evening before, and first thing the next morning, I went up the hill above the village. I could a hear a cuckoo calling up there (it had woken me up), and as soon as I got to the top, I saw it sitting on a telephone wire — this was Skye, and there were no trees around.

It was putting on its usual performance as it called — drooping its wings, spreading its tail, lifting its head high on the "cuck", and letting it fall on the "oo".

But what was remarkable was the echo. Opposite us, across the blue sea-channel, was a line of mountains — and every time the cuckoo called, its cry came echoing back through the still air from the mainland of Scotland.

Cuckoos were arriving in Britain from Africa all last week, and they will soon be heard all over the country. If you see one flying, it can remind you of a hawk: it is blue-grey, like a male sparrowhawk, and it has pointed wings and a long tail like a falcon.

But it is not hard to distinguish from the hawk: it has a very peculiar flight, unusually straight, and never bringing its wings above the horizontal. The male, in any case, commonly calls when it is flying; the female, which looks similar, has a loud bubbling call.

Few birds have an odder way of life. The males occupy song territories, and the females take up egg-laying territories, but they all seem to mate very promiscuously.

The females then begin their "research" into the local meadow pipits, hedge sparrows, or reed warblers. Each female cuckoo concentrates its attention on one of those species — on the moors, for instance, you mainly find "meadow pipit cuckoos" and in farmland "hedge sparrow cuckoos". Occasionally they may also turn their attention to other species, such as robins.

They watch the small birds building, and once a female starts laying, the cuckoo comes down in the afternoon, removes one of the other bird's eggs and lays one of her own in the nest. The cuckoo egg is bigger and may even be a different colour, but the pipit or warbler accepts it.



Jacques

Cuckoo in the nest: the first visitors have arrived

The cuckoo egg hatches slightly sooner than the other eggs in the nest, and the young cuckoo that emerges does not take long to heave out the other eggs or tiny nestlings. The deluded "parents" then feed it until it is a brown avian monster, far larger than themselves. With its screaming cry, the cuckoo chick may even persuade other parent birds to join in the good work. Nor does it hesitate to peck its foster-parents if it is hungry or otherwise dissatisfied with them.

Its true mother, meanwhile, pays no more attention to it. She goes on prowling round the countryside, even destroying nests of her host species that already contain eggs or young, so that they will have to build another nest and lay again for her convenience.

The female cuckoo generally lays an egg every other day, probably producing about 12 in an average year. As the summer wears on, the male cuckoo's call deteriorates, and you hear curious "cuck-cuck-oo" sounds. All the cuckoos, young and old, are on their way to Africa by early August.

For years, controversy raged over whether female cuckoos laid direct into their victims' nests, or whether they laid the egg nearby, then picked it up with their beak and put it in.

In the years before the second world war, a painstaking but irascible naturalist, Edgar Chance, proved that the female cuckoo always lays her egg directly into the nest, though sometimes she has problems with an awkwardly placed nest, and the egg falls to the ground. When that happens, she lets it lie.

Mr Chance recorded his findings in a book called *The Truth About the Cuckoo*. It is one of the most entertaining bird books I know — not least because he deals with opponents of his arguments about as mercilessly as the young cuckoo deals with its fellow-nestlings.

● **What's about:** *Birders — house martins are now returning to most parts of the country. Details from Birdline, 0898 700222. Calls cost 36p per minute cheap rate, 48p per minute at all other times.*

Boxing clever with chocs

BARRY GREENWOOD



Chocaholic Joy Moore eats 2lb of chocolate a day, and has no truck with "slimline" or "diet" varieties. "Chocolate is chocolate," she says. "You can't mess around with it"

Helen Pickles meets an entrepreneur with a devouring interest in perpetuating the 17th-century craft of chocolate-making

IF, WHEN choosing a box of chocolates, you freeze with indecision, Joy Moore's offerings could well cause terminal paralysis. She sells 193 varieties. You like chocolate truffles? Would that be flavoured with Grand Marnier, Cointreau, white Tia Maria, Pernod and mint brandy, champagne, rum, rum and coffee, Irish coffee, ginger, peach, vanilla, fresh cream or in Bavarian style?

Go upstairs at her emporium, the 1657 Chocolate House, in Kendal, Cumbria, to have a drink and think about it and it's no better. There, the menu lists 26 varieties of hot chocolate, and that's before you hit the gâteaux.

"We are here purely to indulge chocolate lovers," she says. "If people want a tea or coffee, I tell them there's a good coffee shop across the road."

Set up five years ago, the 1657 Chocolate House is a recreation of the 17th-century chocolate houses said to have been popularised by Charles II. Pepys's diaries record that the first of these opened in London in 1657. "The Pope had banned chocolate because, according to popular belief, Spanish ladies insisted on drinking it during mass," Mrs Moore says. "As England in Cromwell's time did not come under papal jurisdiction, the chocolate merchants transferred their trade here."

When Charles II took members of his court to the chocolate houses they became fashionable meeting places. Over the next 80 years, such places spread throughout England, the last one opening in Kendal, says Mrs Moore, who returned to England after 12 years in Africa with the aim of setting up a quintessentially English business.

The idea of resurrecting the chocolate house fitted her requirements perfectly. It also helped that she was a confirmed chocaholic.

Her chocolate house is in a 17th-century beamed cottage full of copperware, awkward angles, roses and mob-capped serving wenches. "This is not a gimmick," she says. "We take it very seriously. The china is English, the cloth linen. There's no pepper on the tables or sandwiches on the menu, as they wouldn't have existed then." Most important, her chocolatiers are of English stock, no fancy French and Belgian artists.

Finding them was not easy. "Chocolatiers are born," says Mrs Moore who, although she has a catering qualification, long ago abandoned it for teaching. A chance conversation brought to her attention Neil Jones, a qualified British Telecom engineer who was a closet chocolatier. "He is in love with chocolate," she says.

Mr Jones is responsible for making the 52 top-of-the-range, or 1657, chocolates, carrying a de luxe 85p price tag for one. "The recipes are sacred," Mrs Moore says somewhat mysteriously. "The 'Aztec', for example, is a truffle with five spices, but even I know the names of only three of them."

Criteria are originality, Englishness — and Mrs Moore's personal favourite flavours. "I'm fond of banana and caramel, so we do a caramelised banana chocolate," she says. Other flavours include quince, plum brandy, damson gin, Earl Grey tea, raspberry purée and an "inside-out orange truffle". "It has orange zest on the outside so the palate is immediately stung."

THE rest of the range (£2.20 per ¼lb) is made by outworkers to Mrs Moore's exacting standards. "I try them on my customers and if they don't like the chocolates, I won't employ the makers." The entire range is handmade and free of preservatives.

Mr Jones is also responsible for the gâteaux. As these can be eaten only with a pastry fork or spoon they are, according to Mrs Moore, the real thing. "What tea-shops call gâteaux are cakes: they're heavy with butter and cream. Ours are much lighter and nowhere near as sickly." Mousse-like in texture, they sit on a thin layer of sponge and, like the chocolate drinks they match, are based on Mrs Moore's favourite chocolates.

Mint fondant provided the inspiration for "Cromwell's Folly", a mint-flavoured, spun-chocolate gâteau, and a chocolate drink flavoured with mint and brandy. Caramel chocolate transforms into "Highwayman", a caramel gâteau topped with glazed chocolate, and a hot chocolate topped with cream and burnt sugar. A praline truffle has been translated into a nutty gâteau, "Aristocrat", and a whipped chocolate drink topped with cream and praline.

The drinks are made from pure chocolate, spun with hot water. The biggest crime is to add milk. "All you are doing is adding the flavour of cow," Mrs Moore says.

She maintains that her venture is not out of step with our health-conscious times. That, she says, is to confuse chocolate with energy bars, her euphemism for brand-name snack confectionery.

"Some energy bars are like bags of sugar. But top-grade chocolate such as ours, which contains a high percentage of cocoa solids, is very nutritious. It may be 50 per cent fat, but it's vegetable not animal fat. The only vitamin it lacks is C." Mrs Moore redresses that lack for herself by eating orange peel dipped in chocolate.

For someone who shamelessly consumes 2lb of chocolate a day, she looks attractively healthy. She will have no truck with "slimline" or "diet" chocolate. "Chocolate is chocolate," she says. "You can't mess around with it."



HER recipe for extracting the most pleasure in the least sinful way is to switch off the television, plump up the cushions, unwrap a single chocolate; look at it, smell it, love it, then savour it "like silk on the tongue. Fifteen minutes later you will still be able to taste it," Mrs Moore promises.

English rose garden chocolate drink (Turkish delight flavour)

Mix one measure of cocoa powder (sufficient for one cup) with one teaspoon of rosewater (available from delicatessens). Pour on 4fl oz boiling water and mix in a blender for 30 seconds. Pour into a china beaker and float on top one dessertspoon of whipped cream. Garnish with rose leaves and/or sliced rose "petals" from a piece of Turkish delight. For an iced version, leave to cool in fridge before pouring over ice cubes. Garnish as before.

● *The 1657 Chocolate House, 54 Branthwaite Brow, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 9XX (0539 740702). Mail order ("1657" range only) from £4, inc p&p.*

Do you itch for Chinese food?

FOODSPY

Perils of monosodium glutamate



OFFICIALLY, monosodium glutamate (MSG) has been passed as safe by the World Health Organisation and governments worldwide. This sanctioning of one of the commonest flavour enhancers (after salt and sugar) will not impress Sue Townsend, the best-selling novelist, who suffers so dramatically from MSG-induced "Chinese Restaurant Syndrome" that her face swells up.

The thumbs-up also offers little comfort to the hundreds of sufferers interviewed by Dr George Schwarz, the anti-MSG crusader, for his book *In Bad Taste — The MSG Syndrome* (published in the US by Signet). They reported symptoms such as dizziness, asthma, heart irregularities, headaches, chest constriction and serious depression, which they all believe are traceable to a commodity which has become an everyday ingredient in countless processed foods, from canned soups to potato crisps, ready-made breadcrumbs to ketchup, tinned meats to cook-chill pasta dishes.

It does little to console me, either. Within five minutes of eating MSG-laced food, my palms and soles start itching so badly that I yearn to tear the skin from them. The allergy began when I started eating delicious, sweet-and-sour (MSG-laced) Japanese nori seaweed sheets on a daily basis. The symptoms were so bad that for three weeks I couldn't put my feet to the ground without suffering excruciating nerve pain.

Having identified the cause, avoiding the agony it induces was more complicated. An allergy to sodium hydrogen L-glutamate does not simply entail cutting out oriental food: it turns sufferers into compulsive label-readers.

In the forthcoming edition of the Food Commission's *Food Magazine*, launched next Monday (and published jointly with the Soil Association's *Living Earth* magazine), a survey of salty snacks reveals that 19 of the 20 scrutinised contained MSG.

"What used to be a traditional oriental savoury ingredient has now found its way into virtually every snack product we looked at," says Tim Lobstein, the Food Commission's co-director.

Scan the ingredients list of processed foods, however, and you will not always find monosodium glutamate listed straightforwardly as MSG, or its "E" number, E621. Because MSG is naturally derived (usually by fermenting soya beans or sugar beet with ammonia, which sets off a bacterial reaction), it can go under the guise of natural flavouring. It can also crop up as "amino acids", or wholesome-sounding "hydrolyzed vegetable protein", which can be as much as 20 per cent MSG yet still carry an all-natural tag: this is a common component of vegetarian foods, where it gives flavour in place of meat stock. Vegetable bouillon is yet another guise. Mr Lobstein says: "Naturally, we would welcome clearer labelling, so that anyone who wants to avoid MSG can do so easily."

Although as many as 25 per cent of the population are MSG-sensitive, according to Dr Schwarz, not everyone wants to avoid it. I know of one instance where it proved the only successful antidote to morning sickness in an expectant mother.

The only official restriction on MSG is that it must not feature in foods for babies or small children. But, as Mr Lobstein points out, although crisps and salty snacks are not aimed exclusively at toddlers — which would prevent MSG featuring in the recipe — small children consume them by the truck-load.

MSG, which was first identified in 1908 by Professor Kikunae at the University of Tokyo, consists of sodium plus glutamic acid, an amino acid which is one of the building-blocks of protein. (In fact, glutamic acid occurs naturally, in minute quantities, in many foods, so the ultra-sensitive may also find their symptoms triggered by tomatoes, oranges, cheese, black olives or mushrooms.) A billion-dollar industry was founded on its propensity to give foods the sort of meaty, savoury flavour which, pre-MSG, could come only from laboriously boiling bones and vegetables to create stock. In other words, a short-cut — and one which Mr Lobstein believes is being used increasingly "as a technical fix for tasteless food".

It wasn't until 1968 that the physician Robert Ho Man Kwok first documented "Chinese Restaurant Syndrome", in a letter to the *New England Journal of Medicine*. He said that heavy-handed use of MSG, acting on the central nervous system, could trigger burning sensations, tightness in the chest, and headaches. (Some Chinese restaurant menus now boast "No MSG".)

Reactions apparently relate to the quantities consumed: when Richard Kenney, now retired from George Washington University in Washington DC, added 2,000mg or less MSG to tomato juice, the number of adverse reactions was negligible. But when he added 3,000mg or more — the equivalent to the MSG you might find in a bowl of soup at a Chinese restaurant — the complaints soared.

So far, scientific studies have failed to prove any conclusive link between MSG and most of the reported symptoms in humans. The mountainous evidence is mostly anecdotal. However, any scientist who wishes to observe MSG's effect on the central nervous system is welcome to start with my unbearably itchy palms and feet.

JOSEPHINE FAIRLEY

● The Food Magazine *is available, price £3.50, by post from the Food Commission, 5-11 Worship Street, London, EC2A 2BH.*

"IT'S ALL STRAWBERRIES WHERE'S THE JAM?"



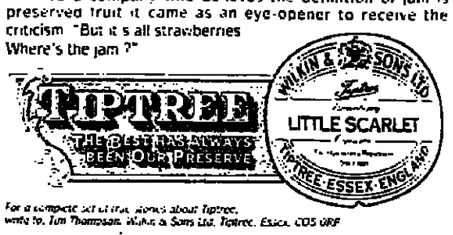
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Pheasant times with friends in the kitchen

ENTERTAINING AT HOME

The designer Jean Muir prefers an informal supper 'with chums'

STEPHEN MARKESON



Room to relax: Jean Muir, comfortable in her kitchen

Cooking doesn't bother me at all. I am an instinctive cook: I don't look at recipes and, for better or for worse, do it my way. Having friends round for supper is very much of the moment. I never invite people a long way ahead — something else always comes up, or you decide you don't want to do it after all — although I suppose if I wasn't working I wouldn't mind.

My husband and I have two lives: one in London, the other at our home in Northumberland. In London, life revolves around work, so entertaining tends to be very informal. I'll perhaps invite one or two chums to supper on a Sunday night. "I'm going to put a pheasant in the oven." I'll say. "Would you like to come?" And then we'll sit on stools in the kitchen and have a good gossip. I've a passion for bars and sitting on stools. During the day, in the workroom, I'm always sitting on a stool, it's where I feel most comfortable.

In London, it's a rare treat to find oneself with nothing to do. Both of us love shopping, and we go to Harrods or the new food department in Harvey Nichols. During the week we have a nice Spanish lady who does our everyday shopping for us, though when people are coming and I'm going to cook properly, doing the shopping's all part of it. My husband's a very good cook as well: sometimes he cooks, sometimes I do, depending on how we feel.

We might buy a lobster or a crab, some lovely fresh brown bread and fresh butter and maybe some goats' cheese. Entertaining's so enjoyable when you shop in style. I always take trouble with whatever I'm doing, and just because one is eating in the kitchen doesn't mean you don't do things properly.

All his life my husband has, for want of a better word, "known" a lot about wine, and I do *quite*, though not in a connoisseur's way; I just know how to buy a good bottle of wine. We'll have a Hunter Valley Chardonnay perhaps; I think those Australian wines are lovely, and my husband's a great fan of them, too. Sometimes he likes to have a claret, while I rather prefer a burgundy. I'm a red wine person, though if we're having white I do rather enjoy an Alsatian wine, a Gewürztraminer, perhaps.

I know a lot of theatre people, so one of our guests might be the actress Adrienne Corri — she's an old friend, and we always have a good natter — or it could be someone who lives just across the road. Then there's another great friend who was at Jaeger with me years and years ago and he might come. It's all very relaxing. Nobody dresses up.

The centre workspace, a sort of table with gas and electric hobs, also serves as my dining-table. I'll try not to use one of the hobs, then I can put things on top of it. This arrangement works well. My goblets are divine; copies of 17th-century glasses that I've had for years. My husband and I collect artist/craftsmen things, and my little hand-crafted glass dishes that I use for taramasalata or fruit are made by a girl called Gwenna Bishop. We've had our brass cutlery for ages, too. It's modern in the right sort of way and feels good as you use it — that's so important, I think. And sometimes we put white candles all round the kitchen: they look twinkly and lovely, absolutely stunning.

Having a home in the north means that all kinds of lovely things are easily available, such as trout and salmon, partridge and pheasant. I've cooked my stuffed pheasant dish so often that I now do it by guesswork. The pheasant will probably have been shot by my husband, who usually does the plucking, although I can do it if need be.

Miss Muir's stuffed pheasant

(serves 3)

1 pheasant
a little olive oil
paprika
bacon, chopped
cream

Stuffing

1 medium-sized onion, finely chopped
handful of breadcrumbs, brown or white (best crisped in the oven first)
1 large beaten egg
1 stick celery
2 mushrooms, chopped
optional: oregano, onion salt or powdered garlic

You can mix the stuffing in the food processor, depending on whether you want it fine or crunchy. Stuff it into the pheasant. I put a crust in at the end to stop the stuffing falling out. Brown the pheasant lightly in olive oil, and put a little paprika over its breast and legs so that it takes on a nice colour. If you dip a piece of paper into some oil and sprinkle the paprika on top, you can just oil it on. Then I throw chopped bacon on top and put it in my electric oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6, for 15 minutes, turning it down to 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for another 45 minutes or so. One hour and ten minutes is OK for a good size pheasant.

Ten minutes before it's ready, I add a little water so that you get some nice juice. Then I take the pheasant out, put it on a dish and pour some cream in the juice — it's a quick way of making a nice little sauce. Sometimes I add a drop of Calvados, too.

I serve the pheasant with red cabbage — tins of Felix red cabbage are very good — and a really nice salad. And I might make some mashed potato. If there's one thing I *adore*, it's mashed potato.

Interview by Paddy Bart

● Very Jean Muir, *the first of three Sunday night programmes on the designer, will be shown on Channel 4 tomorrow at 8pm.*

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Hooked on salmon and celery

Frances Bissell offers new flavours to savour, all on an April evening



I WAS preparing supper for two recently and we were in the mood for comfort food. There was not much in the fridge, as we had been away. A head of celery and some vegetable stock made a very good, thick celery soup, and a piece of smoked salmon in the freezer was sliced thinly and tossed into a bowl of pasta with some crème fraiche and plenty of black pepper. The two flavours, of celery and smoked salmon, fixed themselves in my mind's palate, and I thought what a good combination they would make in other recipes.

After a number of experiments, the dish we most liked was chilled smoked salmon and celery soup. It makes a perfect starter for a spring dinner. Unlike many soups, such as vichyssoise, which are as good hot as they are chilled, this one does not improve with cooking. The heat destroys the texture of the smoked salmon and affects its flavour to the point that you may as well use kippers. The salmon is added to the soup after the celery has been cooked and cooled, and so retains its silky translucence.

A different way of serving the same combination, albeit a more elaborate, time-consuming one, is to make a terrine or parfait. The good thing about this is that it can be made the day before required (as can the soup). The flavour becomes more pronounced on the second day; some people may prefer this.

Another spring dinner I recommend is duckling. More often grilled or roasted because of the amount of fat under the skin, duckling is, nevertheless, very tasty when cooked with young vegetables in a casserole. It is also a more relaxed dish to prepare than a roast. The heat can be raised or lowered, the cooking time shortened or extended in a way that a roast will not permit. With a casserole, timing is not as crucial, and there will be no fat to splash and burn in the oven. For me, this is a bonus.

To prevent the casserole swimming in fat, I gently fry the duck pieces first to render some fat, which I drain off. Once cooked, the skin can also be removed from the meat before serving. But it is a pity to remove it before cooking, as it adds flavour to the meat and vegetables. To drink with this: a rioja with a few years of bottle age.

At this time of year, with only the stalwart Bramley and maincrop rhubarb to choose from among home-grown fruits for puddings, I intersperse dried fruit with the baked apples, apple fools, apple charlottes, rhubarb fools and rhubarb crumbles. Today, I give two suggestions for using dried apricots. Prunes, peaches or dried pears can be substituted.

Much of the dried fruit we buy is labelled "ready to eat". What this means is that after drying the fruit in the usual way, the manufacturer has remoisturised, or "plumped up", the fruit to a juicy succulence so that it needs no soaking. The drawback is that water is used, which adds weight for which we pay.

Chilled celery and smoked salmon soup

(serves 6)

1 head of celery
½ pt/280ml water
¼ lb/110g smoked salmon
1pt/570ml vegetable stock
1pt/570ml semi-skimmed milk
seasoning
chervil or celery tops

Wash the celery thoroughly. The innermost ribs can be used to serve with cheese and a few of the tender leaves for garnish. Chop the rest of the celery, including the heart, and put in a saucepan with the water. Cook until the celery is tender. Cool. Roughly chop most of the smoked salmon, keeping back an ounce or so to shred for garnish. Put half the stock and skimmed milk with the celery and chopped smoked salmon in a blender or food processor, and blend until smooth. Sieve (if you prefer not to sieve, strip off the toughest strings from the celery before cooking). Mix with the rest of the stock and milk and season. Chill until required. Serve with a few shreds of smoked salmon and chervil or celery leaves.

Smoked salmon and celery parfait

(serves 6)

3 sheets or 3tsp gelatine
1 head of celery
6oz/170g smoked salmon, in a piece, if possible
white pepper
chervil, lovage or flat-leaf parsley
3-4oz/85-110g ricotta or cottage cheese
¼ pt/140ml whipping cream
2 free-range egg whites

Soften the gelatine in a little cold water. Reserve the inner celery stalks to serve with cheese and remove tough strings from the outer ribs. Chop these roughly and simmer until tender in about ⅓ pt/200ml water. Dice half the smoked salmon into small, ¼ in/0.5cm cubes and put to one side. Strain the cooking liquid into a bowl and stir in the gelatine until dissolved. Take out about 3oz/85g celery and dice it small. Put the rest, when cool, in a blender with the celery cooking liquid, now also cool, together with the rest of the smoked salmon and a few leaves of herbs for colour and contrast. Add the ricotta or cottage cheese, and blend until smooth. Sieve or not, as you prefer. Fold in the diced celery and salmon and some more finely chopped herbs. Whip the cream, fold into the mixture and finally fold in the whisked egg whites.

Line a loaf tin with cling film and spoon in the mixture. Cover with cling film and chill until set. Serve in slices, scoops or quenelles with hot toast, brown bread, crispbread or slices of grilled polenta.

Spring duckling stew

(serves 6-8)

6lb/2.7kg duck, jointed into 8 pieces
1lb/455g new potatoes, peeled
1lb/455g small purple and white turnips (or navets), peeled
1lb/455g young carrots, peeled if necessary
6 cloves of garlic, peeled (optional)
½lb/230g green beans, trimmed
bouquet garni, made of 2-3 parsley stalks, 1 bay leaf, a sprig of tarragon and sprig of thyme
½ pt/280ml duck or chicken stock
salt, pepper

Heat a heavy-based frying pan and put the duck pieces in it, skin side down, but with the body fat on. Cook gently until the fat runs free. Raise the heat to brown the pieces, turn them over, and brown the other side. Pour off the fat. Put the carrots, potatoes, garlic and turnips in the pan, cutting up the vegetables to the same size, if necessary, to ensure even cooking. Tuck in the bouquet garni. Pour on the stock, bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently for 30 minutes. Add the green beans and spring onions and simmer for a further 20-25 minutes, until both meat and vegetables are tender. Season to taste and serve.

Add a few fresh peas and broad beans about five minutes before the end of cooking time. The casserole needs no other accompaniment. A green salad and cheese will follow it perfectly, before serving one of the puddings suggested.

Apricot marzipan tart

(serves 4-6)

10oz/280g shortcrust or flaky pastry
¼ lb/110g unsalted butter, softened
¼ lb/110g caster sugar
1 large free-range egg, plus 1 egg yolk
3 oz/85g semolina
¼ lb/110g dried ready-to-eat apricots, chopped small
¼ lb/110g marzipan, diced

Line an 8in/20cm flan or pie dish with the pastry and chill for 20 minutes. Cream the butter and sugar and beat in the eggs and semolina. Fold in the apricots and marzipan and spread over the base of the pie. Bake in the centre of a pre-heated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6 for 20 minutes or, if more convenient, at 180C/350F, gas mark 4 for about 30 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream, yoghurt, crème fraiche or clotted cream.

For a teatime delicacy, make individual tarts. If you have cherries bottled in kirsch lurking at the back of your store cupboard use these, stoned, in place of the apricots (roughly chop them first).

Using some of the same ingredients as above, you can make a simple pudding that will appeal to those who do not want a pastry-based dish.

Marzipan baked apricots

(serves 4-6)

18 dried ready to eat apricots, soaked for 15 minutes in hot water
½ lb/230g marzipan
2oz/60g unsalted butter
½ tsp ground cinnamon
2tsp caster sugar

Break the marzipan into 18 pieces and roll into kernel shapes. Place one inside each apricot. Use half the butter to grease a baking dish. Place the apricots in it and dot with the remaining butter. Spoon on 2-3tbsp of the soaking liquid. Mix the cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle on the apricots. Bake for 15 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6.

RESTAURANT WATCH

News from London and Norfolk

FLOCK TO SHEPHERD'S
Shepherd's
Marsham Court, Marsham Street, London, SW1
(071-834 9552)
Richard Shepherd of Langan's Brasserie, Bistro et al. reopens on Monday what was Green's in Westminster (Green's in Duke Street, St James's, thus regains the full-time services of chef Beth Coventry). Out go leather banquettes and old prints, in come mix 'n' march plates, an augmented bar, and multi-choice lunch and dinner menus at £15.50 for three courses, £13.50 for two. Open Monday to Friday, noon-3pm and 5.30-11pm (bar); 12.30-2.45pm and 6.30-11.30pm (restaurant). The chef is James Rice, formerly of Shepherd's in the Algarve.

WINNING WAITER
Rambouillet Restaurant and Brasserie
Imperial Hotel, North Drive, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
(0493 851113)
After coming second three years running, Nicholas Mobbs finally won the Ruinart Wine Waiter of the Year competition last week. The other finalists were from Pied-à-Terre and the Dorchester Hotel in London, and Mobbs's win, by a convincing margin, was achieved despite the handicap that he actually doubles wine waiting with management responsibilities at his family's Victorian hotel overlooking North Beach. The restaurant is now complemented with a lighter brasserie menu. Specialities include chicken and scallops salad, skate with browned butter, bread and butter pudding and filled pancakes. Allow about £8 for brasserie food, £16 to £18 in the restaurant, and spend up on the wines. Open 11am-2.30pm and 5-8pm (brasserie); 12.30-2pm and 7-10pm (restaurant).

ROBIN YOUNG

A homely toast to St George

Jane MacQuitty on home-grown wines and EC sales problems



Pick of the crop: grape harvest time at Lamberhurst, Kent

Last night, hopefully, people throughout England celebrated St George's day with a good glass of English wine, a timely reminder that there are plenty of fine wines grown in this green and pleasant land to choose from.

Until the 1989 vintage I was no great fan of English wine; even the best bottles seemed searingly acidic and outrageously expensive. Since then, a series of good vintages has coincided with a noticeable lift in England's vignerons' wine-making skills.

There are still, I suspect, plenty of bad wines made in Britain, but most of these do not go on sale, thanks to greater technical knowledge and tasting tests.

Given that the UK lacks the ideal climate and is probably the most marginal wine-producing country in the world, it is a miracle that we have any wine of our own.

There is nothing Britain's wine-makers can do about the rain and cold that accompany our summers and autumns, the vines' vital production periods. Nor can there be any joy in the knowledge that the grape growers of England and Wales can, at best, expect at least three grape harvests out of ten to produce little or no fruit. On the other hand, those with vines planted as far north as Durham, on salt-sprayed clifftops or in waterlogged frost pockets do not help themselves to thrive.

Bad wine-making, though not the English and Welsh wine curse it once was, is still with us. First-class wine-makers and consultants, such as Stephen Skelton of Tenterden Vineyards, Kent, and John Worontschak of Thames Valley Vineyards, near Reading, who vinify their own and many others' vines, have helped to raise wine standards and introduce better technology. So, too, have the one-week vineyard management and winemaker's courses at Plumpton College in Kent and elsewhere.

The vines of England and Wales are also more at the mercy of the many predators and diseases than the vines of the hotter, healthier south. Regular sprayings keep mildew and botrytis at bay, but ripe grapes still make a tempting late-autumn meal for everything from birds to roving badgers.

Other obstacles that our wine producers have to face, and their continental cousins do not, are punishingly high wine taxes and the confusion in consumers' minds between "English" wine and "British" wine. The latter has little to do with England, except marketing. It is merely a reconstituted alcoholic substance, usually from imported, concentrated grape must that is only fermented on English soil. Beware, then, of confusing British wine names that sound quintessentially English, such as Country Manor and Carrow Prior.

As if all these obstacles were not enough, English and Welsh wine is about to have its biggest battle yet — with EC officials over labels and the use of hybrid grape varieties, more correctly known as interspecific crosses, such as the popular seyval blanc.

The hybrid vines' great advantages in our climate over noble vinifera vines, such as müller-thurgau, are their hardy nature, early ripening and good cropping quality, even in bad years.

Now that we have a quality wine scheme and an industry capable of going over the EC's 25,000 hecto litre limit, the label battle is likely to prove an easier victory than the use of hybrids. It concerns the ruling that if we are to have a humble table wine category and a superior one, the words "English or Welsh wine" cannot be used for both. So far, the English Vineyards Association (EVA) has come up with several suggestions, which include keeping the words "English wine" for those on the upper levels, one of which is quality wine and another regional wine.

The latter, superior regional table wine category might also just allow England's vignerons to continue to use hybrids as a special case, considering their efficiency in our climate.

Up to now, the hybrid varieties have been forbidden for use in quality EC wines because of their disastrously high yield and low quality in warm countries such as France and Spain.

Yet for all these natural and unnatural obstacles for producers, the EVA's *Grape Press* is full of the English vignerons' optimism and bulldog spirit. Even if seyval blanc, the second most popular grape in England and Wales and the one responsible for the likes of the elegant, rhubarb-scented **1990 Lamberhurst Seyval Blanc** (The Victoria Wine Company £4.99) and the crisp, appley **1990 Three Choirs Seyval** (Safeway £4.49, Sainsbury's £4.79, Victoria Wine £4.99), is outlawed for quality wine, others could take its place.

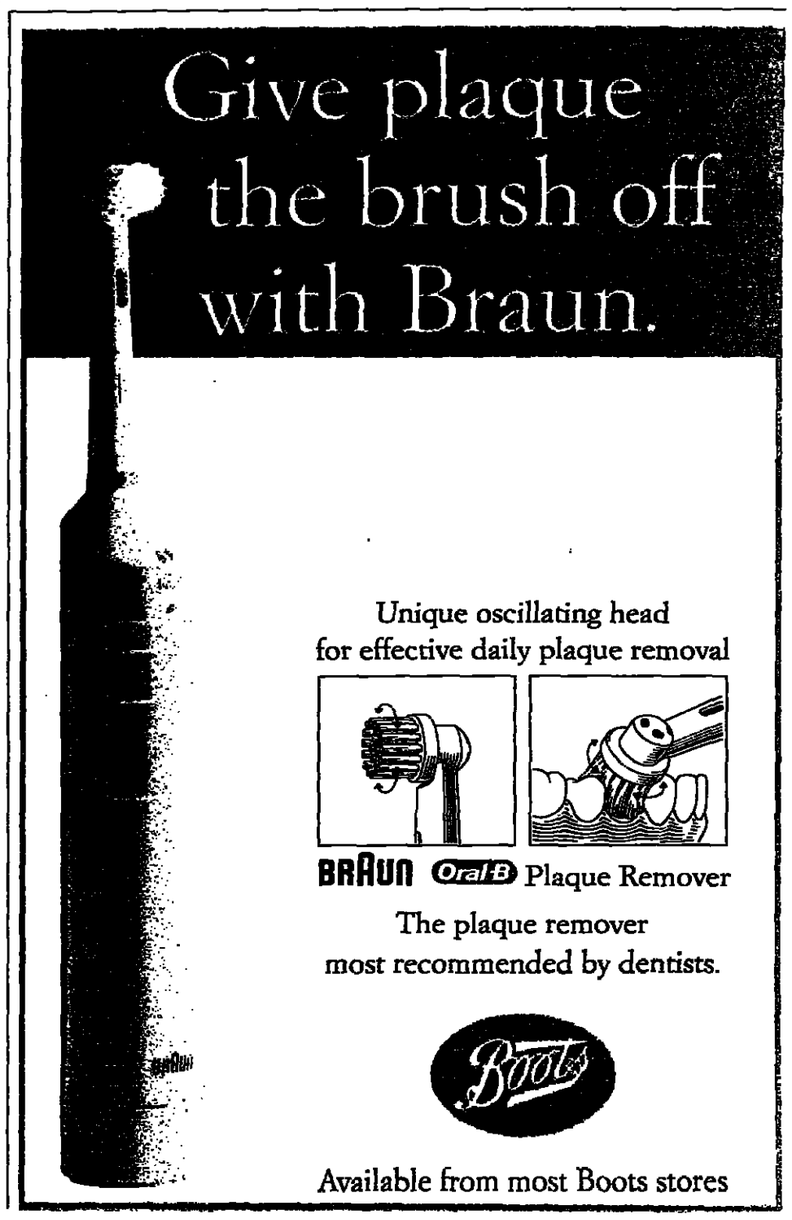
The delicate, flowery müller-thurgau, largest planting by far in England and Wales, is one candidate, though this name rarely appears on labels. It must, given its popularity, be part of the cheaper English wine blends (see Best English Buys, above).

Other grape varieties seen on English wine labels include the spicy, more full-bodied reichenstener, almost as large a planting as seyval blanc. That exotic, highly-scented breed of huxelrebe, bacchus and ortega are the next most popular varieties.

Starting next week: Jane MacQuitty advises on creating a wine cellar from scratch

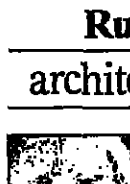
BEST ENGLISH BUYS

● **1991 Willow Court, Three Choirs,** *The Victoria Wine Company £3.59.*
Full, peachy-spicy almost apricoty scent and taste makes this a worthwhile inexpensive wine.
● **English Table Wine, High Weald: Wines.** *Tesco £2.99.*
Unusual deep, spicy, scented elder flower style and good value for money.
● **Hastings Carr Taylor Vineyards Dry.** *Waitrose £2.99.*
Same low price but this time an exotic, lychee-like scent and bone-dry taste, let down only by a slightly bitter finish.
● **1990 Denbies Surrey Gold,** *Tesco £4.99, Gateway £5.05, Safeway £5.25.*
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A deep, intriguing combination of a sandalwood scent and exotic fruit taste.
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Strong, spicy, gutsy Auxerrois flavours. Pricey, like the wine above, but worth it.



Where canon meets Canon

Ruth Gledhill enjoys the sublime architecture and sermon in a showpiece



TO WORSHIP at St Paul's is to experience the Church of England as it was, is now but is unlikely to be for much longer, given the controversy over women priests. Although women deacons assist at services, this is the showpiece for the London diocese, where opposition to women priests in the Church of England is strongest.

It must also be one of the few places where you can enter a tourist attraction and become part of it, comparable perhaps to visiting a museum and becoming one of the exhibits.

At the service I attended, hordes of tourists stared from the back as we sang, prayed and listened to the sermon. Some stood for the entire service, at liberty to join in, but choosing to watch, roped off behind rows of empty seats. As the service progressed, the numbers of watchers increased, adding to the spiritual atmosphere a sensation that we might be nothing more than a religious oddity in a secular age.

The non-religious visiting London might be forgiven for counting Wren's construction, completed in 1710, as just another sight to "do", along with the Tower and Trafalgar Square. It must be easy to forget that cathedrals are primarily centres of worship and mission. But to attend a service at St Paul's is to step back to a golden age when the voices of choristers soared, liturgies moved the spirit and sermons swayed the nation.

St Paul's is at the front line of the battle between God and mammon. Admission charges were introduced recently and have transformed the cathedral's precarious financial state, although they are not levied on Sundays or for weekday services. This autumn, a shop will be built in the crypt.

Virgers have been redesignated stewards and virgers (the ancient spelling of *virger*, unique to St Paul's, has been retained). An evangelical, Michael Saward, has been made a residentiary canon, alongside the traditionalist Anglo-Catholics more usual at St Paul's.

Among Anglo-Catholics, St Paul's is treasured as the only place in England where an Anglican can receive communion from a cardinal. Only a communicant of the Roman Catholic church may receive communion from Cardinal Basil Hume at Westminster Cathedral, so "wannabe" Catholics in the Church of England go to St Paul's, where two of the three minor canons are cardinals, one the junior and one the senior. The titles, relics of pre-Reformation Roman Catholicism, date from the time of Richard II, and derive from the Latin word *cardo* (hinge).

The chancel is the most richly decorated part of the cathedral, with Grinling Gibbons's oak and limewood carvings, now being restored, set off by sparkling mosaics depicting animals, fish and birds in the saucer-shaped domes.

The cathedral is run by the dean (the Very Rev Eric Evans) and chapter, which consists of a number of residentiary canons (the title given to a clergyman who belongs to a cathedral chapter). The prebendaries belong to the greater chapter, which meets annually and advises the dean and chapter. The most important function of the greater chapter is to elect the Bishop of London, at present Dr David Hope, who preaches regularly here.

As we arrived at St Paul's, the peal of 12 bells rang out while dozens of coaches pulled up and hundreds of tourists, hung with Canons of the photographic variety, trooped out and into the cathedral. Our service, matins, followed the traditional rite of the Church of England, with a hymn, chants, lessons, the Creed, prayers, the sermon and a final hymn.

Opposite us, alone on a chair below the stalls, an angel appeared to have descended from the ornate gold-leaf mosaic over the choir vault. The tiny, blond cherub turned out to be a probationer chorister. Probationers start at the age of seven and are admitted to the choir after about 12 months. The ten probationers and 25 other choristers are boarders at the choir school at the east end of the cathedral.

St Paul's is not a parish church, and couples who wish to marry there need a special licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury. About 100 people worship here each Sunday, but visitors swell numbers to 350. On feast days, such as Easter, the cathedral attracts many more and can be nearly full.

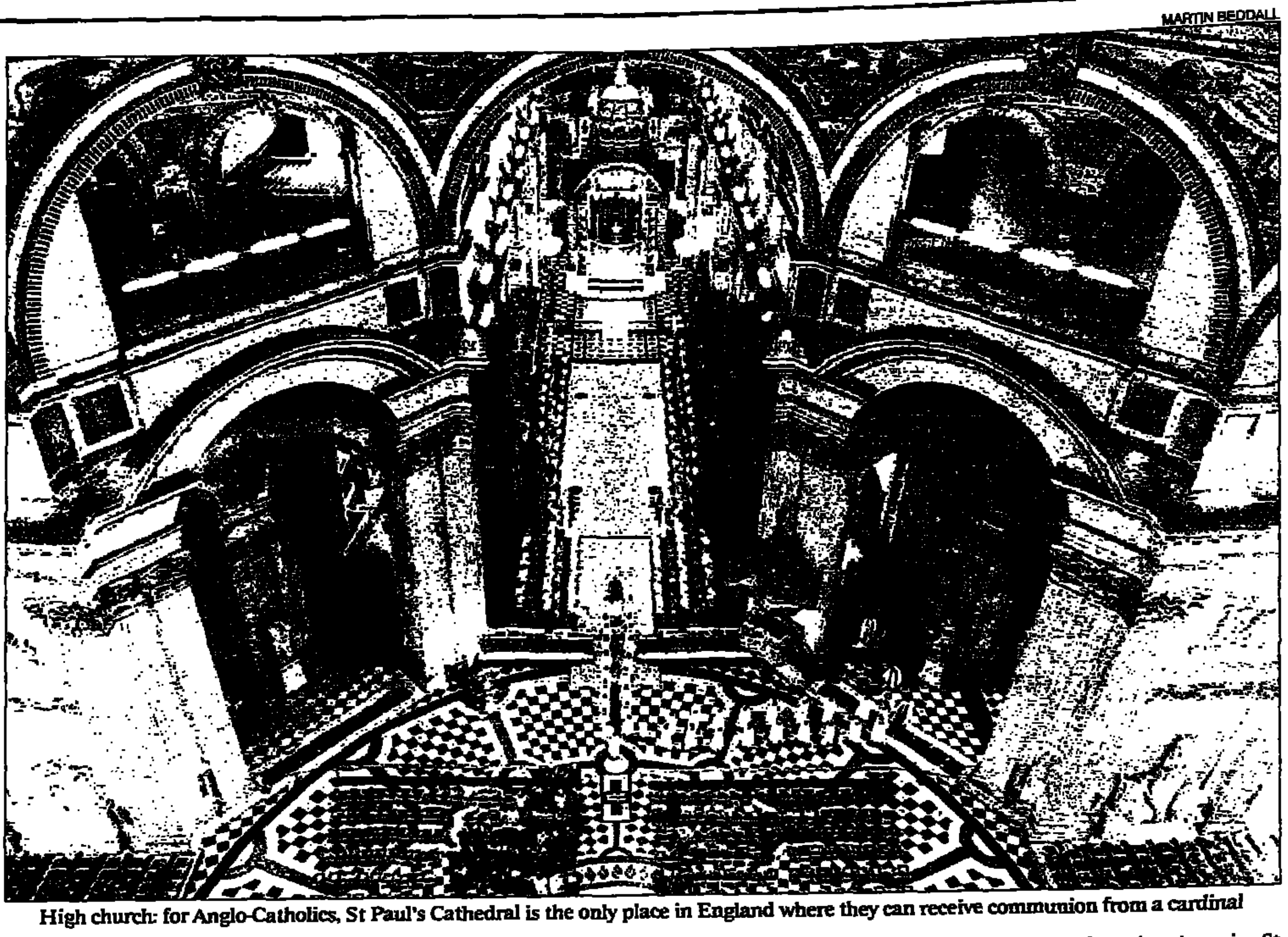
Each month a different canon is officially "in residence" and responsible, with the dean, for worship. For our service it was the turn of Canon Christopher Hill who, as precentor, is also in charge of the choir school. "One of the great privileges of serving here in St Paul's is that in our worship we come from all over the world. Those of you sitting here will probably have as your next door neighbour someone from the other side of the globe. We welcome this morning a group from the Icelandic women's society."

His sermon, about the passion of Christ, was a literary and spiritual treat, with erudite references to Dostoevsky, William Blake and other writers, interspersed with quotations from the Bible and *The Sun*. Some truths can be expressed only imperfectly in theological prose, Canon Hill said. "We intuit rather more from the music and poetry of Passiontide."

Many stayed for the communion that followed, but those of us who left after matins were followed out by the voices of the choir, with the previously blank faces of the tourists registering wonder as the spectacle of the Christian communion service unfolded.

● *Sunday services: Holy Communion 8am, Matins 10.30am, Holy Communion 11.30am, Evensong 3.15pm. Weekdays (except Sat): Matins 7.30am, Holy Communion 8am and 12.30pm, Evensong 5pm.*

MARTIN BEDDALL



High church: for Anglo-Catholics, St Paul's Cathedral is the only place in England where they can receive communion from a cardinal

The Cathedral Church of St Paul, St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8AD (071-248 4619).

DEAN: The Very Rev Eric Evans.

SERMON: Entertaining romp backwards through literature, from *The Sun* to Genesis. Further proof that the best of British sermons are to be found in our cathedrals.★★★★

ARCHITECTURE: Wren's Baroque masterpiece can never fail to astonish even a regular.★★★★★

MUSIC: Chants sung exquisitely by the all-male choir: even those who knew the settings were content to sit and listen. Fabulous organ playing.★★★★★

LITURGY: Traditional *Book of Common Prayer*, made easy by service sheet provided.★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Non-existent at present, but might eventually be a café in the crypt. Dean made brave attempt to chat to entire congregation plus tourists on the way out.★

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ATTRACTIVE Female, sophisticated, slim, financially secure, seeks tall, well educated professional gentleman, between 45-58. Essex / London based. Please Reply to Box No 1896

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LIVELY Widow seeks complement of calm cultured male, 60s for cricket at Lords, opera anywhere, dining/dancing and other civilized activities. Herts. Box No 1865 & Pin No 6066

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N.W. woman 50ish warm & spirited, seeks amusing, grown up, civilised man. Box 1974

PETITE Lady, 50s, happy disposition, would like to meet intelligent, unpretentious, gentleman who has positive outlook on life. Please Reply to Box No 1893

PROFESSIONAL female, mid 50s, 5ft 6, unattached, active, lively personality, no stunning beauty but well groomed, many interests, practical, appreciates style, positive and youthful outlook on life and above all very modest!) would like to meet suitable, solvent male companion with a quiet SOH who cares for all these qualities. Central European roots, if it matters. Oxfordshire based would be a bonus. Reply to Box No 1943

STUNNING Blonde 34, seeks man for socialising romance and friendship. Box No 1911

STYLISH, arts-orientated, very attractive slim, blonde lady, Central London, n/s, warm, gentle and loyal with a zest for life, seeks sincere, cultured gentleman, 50ish Box No 2005

37, Tall, slim, attractive, blonde and amusing, I need a very wealthy, generous, humorous man to spoil, pamper and protect me! Photo and phone no please. Reply to Box No 1949

TEARFUL attractive Surrey widow, very useful 54, 5' 4", slim, solvent, creative, wide interests: classical music and jazz. Would like to share long-term warmth, love and laughter with equally solvent, intelligent and warm male. Widower / divorcee. Photo & tel no appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 1930

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A group of young women have stopped whingeing about the London club scene and pioneered their own. **Tim Marsh** was impressed


SIMON WALKER

The founding "posse": some of the anti-macho nightclubbers who did their own thing and started PMT (Pretty Miss Things) in London. Founders include a nurse, graphic designer, journalist, television scriptwriter, singer and actress

Ready for PMT, seven nights a week

Midnight, Tuesday. Leicester Square. He should have known better: this is, after all, PMT night at club Maximus. But as one twentysomething male steps up to the entrance, he makes a snide comment about the pretty young woman standing guard in place of the usual male pecs in a shellsuit.

"You talkin' to me, boy?" she demands. She may only come up to his chin, but it is clear who is in charge here. "Er, no offence, luv," the lad mumbles in embarrassment, and humbly passes inside.

As the sharp end of this new female-run nightclub, the all-woman security team is the first indication that this promises to be a very different good time. At PMT — Pretty Miss Things — even the bouncers are chic and cool. "No pictures, no names, no comment," one says, unimpressed by the chance to appear in print.

"The interesting thing is that when you have a man on security it seems to be a challenge to all other men to act stroppily," says Bunmi Akintonwa, a television script-writer and one of 14 women behind the weekly event. "It seems to create aggression, whereas a woman on the door defuses trouble. There's none of that tedious male macho thing — which is part of what PMT is about."

"We do have guys standing by, though," adds Camilla Tuckey, an A&R woman for a leading record company, and another PMT stalwart. "That's not to say the girls can't handle it. But if people start rushing the door, if you need the physicality and strength of a big person, that's there behind them."

Earlier this year, this collective of young professional women decided it was time to stop whingeing about London's flagging club scene and do something about it. A sprawling posse of friends and business contacts, PMT is entirely run and DJ-ed by women. Men are welcome, albeit for a £2 surcharge on the door. "We like men," Ms Akintonwa insists. "We're not feminists, we're pro-female."

"It's just that the club world is so male-dominated," adds Lisa L'Anson, an MTV presenter who is also involved. "We thought it'd be fun to do something different. We're all from different scenes and careers. We've got a nurse on board, a graphic designer, a journalist, a singer, an actress and an A&R girl.

"The important thing is this is not our lives; we're not even in it for the money. It's just a fun place for anyone who wants to chill out in a relaxed atmosphere."

Tonight's crowd seems to agree. Gladys Jones, aged 20, has attended every week since the event started in March. "It's more laid back. Maybe because they know the whole thing is run by women, the men here don't seem to act like animals like they do at some other clubs. Mostly I come here for the music though. It's hot."

> 'It's just a fun place for anyone who wants to chill out and relax'

Katherine Grantham — or DJ Kat — is pleased by the compliment. By day an economics and history student, she fell into DJ-ing after some friends asked her to DJ a House Party. "I said yes, assuming it wouldn't happen. It did, so I had to learn quickly."

She veers from the playlists of her male colleagues: "At a male-run club you're going to hear more heavy hip-hop and techno for the boys to shout and jump up and down to, which alienates the women. Here it's more relaxed. I play what I can relate to, and I relate far better to what a female is singing than when you've got some bloke screaming about how he wants his AK-47. Those are things women don't necessarily want to groove to. I don't want to pigeonhole what we do, but it tends to have a funky vibe."

There's a genuine party atmosphere at this cosy, mid-sized basement venue, friendly faces sharing a feeling that here at last is something fresh. No evening is identical, because PMT split into teams which take turns to host the evenings. "Although you know in general what the night will be like, there's always a twist that makes the club more like a series of one-off shows," Ms Akintonwa says.

Depending on the team spinning the discs, music varies from hip-hop to acid jazz, though classic boogie, funk and upfront tunes from British soul favourites such as the Young Disciples form the core of most shows. Late-night attacks of the munchies are also catered for, with bowls of sushi at £3.

"The greatest difficulty we had was the men assuming the club was going to fail. A surprising number of them rang up the morning after the first show saying, yeah, it was good. They were astonished that women could DJ, which is ridiculous in this day and age," Ms Akintonwa says.

Since the star-studded opening night in March, the male-dominated club world has been forced to pay attention, and the media have been clamouring to get to know these groovy young interlopers. "I don't want to sound like I'm boasting but we've had Paul Young come down, Bobby Womack, Omar, the Young Disciples and Jamiroquai; they've all dropped in to see what's going on," Ms Akintonwa says. "It's really pleasing that so many different people find this a good place to hang loose and dance.

"I tell you, we're going to grow into PMT Enterprises. We're going to release a single, T-shirts, merchandising, as well as host one-offs and big party nights. Just wait and see. Every day we're having better ideas. And the great thing is, because we have so many people with different talents in the collective, we can design the logo, write the slogans and organise everything ourselves. That's a good feeling."

Are you ready for PMT seven nights a week?


Satisfied clubbers: "men here don't seem to act like animals"

Women DJ venues

☐ **PMT:** Maximus, 14 Leicester Square, W1 (071-734 4111). Funk, garage, soul, "anything good". Tues, 10.30pm-3.30am. Women £5, men £7.

☐ **DJ Rap:** Fusion, The Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-434 0403). Underground hardcore. 10pm-6am. £15.

☐ **Smokin' Jo:** Trade, Turnmills, 63b Clerkenwell Road, EC1 (071-250 3409). Garage/House vibe. Sat 3.30am-3pm. £10.

☐ **Rachel Auburn:** Sex, Café de Paris, 3 Coventry Street, W1 (071-287 3602). Progressive house, soft techno and trance. Fri, 10.30pm-6am. £8.

☐ **Lisa Loud:** F.U.B.A.R., Milk Bar, 12 Sutton Row, W1 (071-439 4655). House with a twist. Sun, 7.30pm-midnight. £4.

☐ **MC Wooster:** Cruella, WKD, 18 Kentish Town Road, NW1 (071-267 1869). Last Wednesday of month, 8pm-2am. £2.50. Also Hoochie Coochie, Oscars, Cooper Street, Manchester M1 (061-236 6007). Rare groove, funk, soul. Fri, 11pm-2.30am.

☐ **DJ Sophie** and José Blues: Soul Kitchen, Maximus, 14 Leicester Square, W1 (071-734 4111). Funky fun. Thurs, 10.30-4am. £7.

☐ **Paulette Constable:** Glam, Number One, Central Street, Manchester. Garage, 1970s disco. Tues, 10pm-2am. £1.50; Glory Hole, Bar Kay, South King Street, Manchester (061-237 9460). 10pm-2am, £5.

Summer music-makers

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☐ **Ashley Manor Study Centre:** Three courses for children aged 8-16, involving a "fun-sing" for younger children, composition, mixed ensemble and instrumental work. Plus a range of outdoor sports and indoor games. *Course A: Junior music-making, 8-11 years (beginner to Grade 4). July 25-30. Course B: Intermediate, 11-16 years (Grades 4-6). August 1-6. Course C: Advanced, 11-16 years (Grades 6+). August 8-13. £205 residential; £175 non-residential. Ashley Manor Study Centre, Atherington, Umberleigh, North Devon, EX37 9HW (0769 60765).*



☐ **Benenden Music School:** Kent Music School's annual summer school offers concentrated ensemble training for musicians from 11 to 19. The standard required ranges between Grades 4 and 8. A total of 1,200 players attend the six courses, which cover working together in a symphony orchestra, a wind orchestra, string orchestra, wind ensemble, brass ensemble and choir. There is also a three-day harp course available. Sports facilities include swimming, tennis and squash. *Courses run throughout July. Six-day residential course £135 inclusive; three-day residential courses £68 inclusive. Kent Music School, The Master's House, College Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6YQ (0622 690404).*

☐ **Bude Jazz Summer School:** For young people of all ages who have reached a reasonable level of musical competence. Traditional, mainstream and bebop are taught from elementary to advanced levels. The courses are particularly suited to those studying for GCSE, where the emphasis is on improvisation. Sporting activities include swimming, snooker and table tennis. *The course runs from August 29-September 4. £195 residential; £130 non-residential. South West Jazz, Exeter & Devon Arts Centre, Gandy St, Exeter EX4 3LS (0392 218368).*

☐ **Fantasia Music School:** Runs courses for young instrumentalists aged nine to 18. Activities will include orchestra, windband, string ensemble, choir, recorder group, chamber groups, jazz and piano workshops. Other activities include swimming and rounders. *Courses run from August 16-20 for Grades 1-4 (Grade 4+, August 23-27). £95 non-residential. Samantha Sutton, 62 Palmer Road, Angmering, West Sussex BN16 4LN (0903 772219).*

☐ **Festivals House Summer School:** Organises course for 11-17s, where the idea is to compose and choreograph a work for performance using voice, electronic keyboards, percussion and recorders. The course is held at Giggleswick School, Yorkshire. Other activities include swimming and a multi-gym. *August 15-22; £295 residential. The British Federation of Festivals for Music, Dance & Speech, Festivals House, 198 Park Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6UD (0625 428297).*

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☐ **Wycombe Music Summer School:** Accommodates 8-14s and late learners together, August 7-14. Students should bring all the instruments they play, including recorders, for a variety of solo and ensemble work. Late-learners' course might suit parents or other family members. Tennis, squash, swimming and badminton available. *£210-£259 residential; £90-£230 non-residential. Wycombe Music Summer School, 3 Lynwood Rd, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0DN (081-398 3227).*

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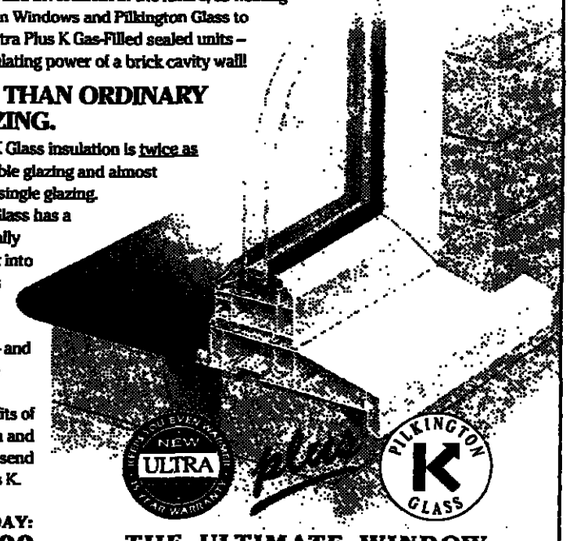
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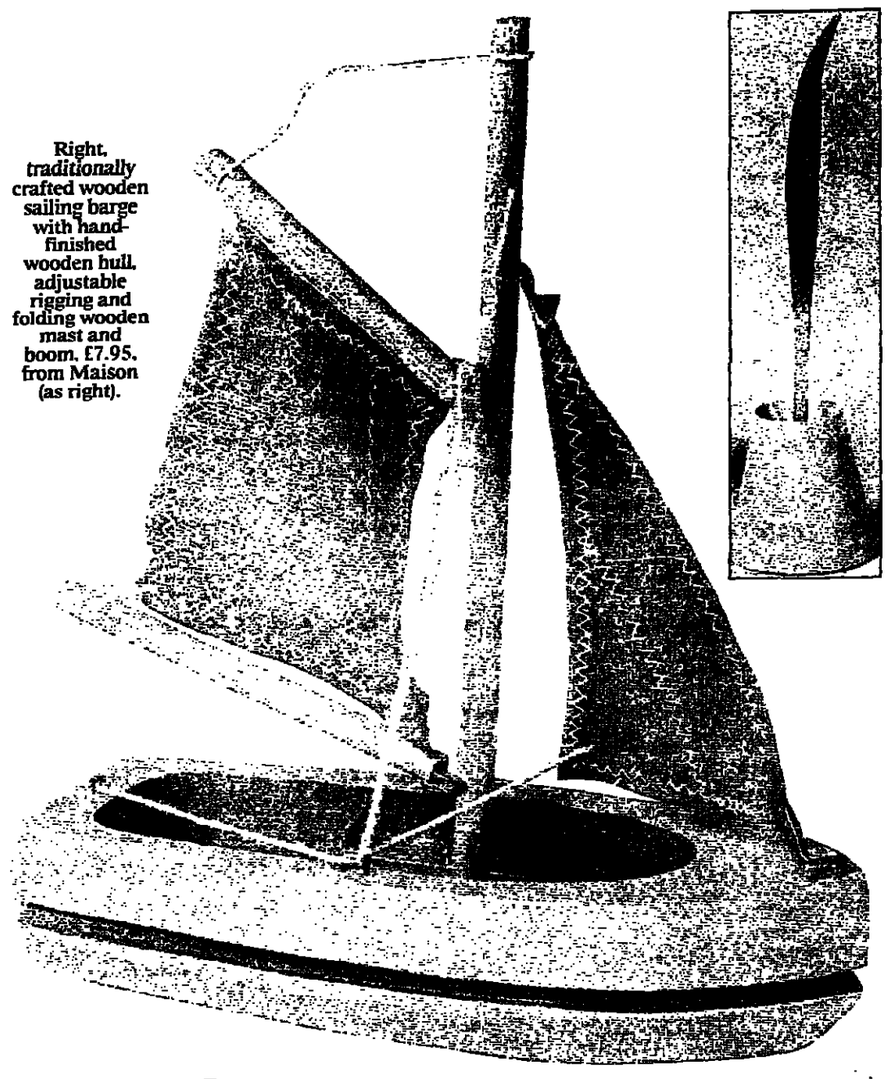
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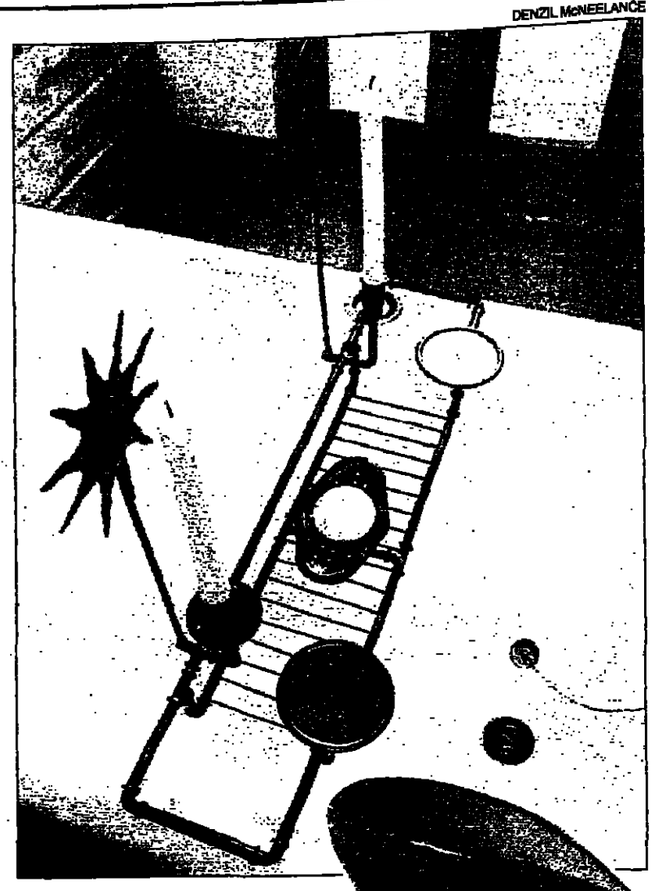
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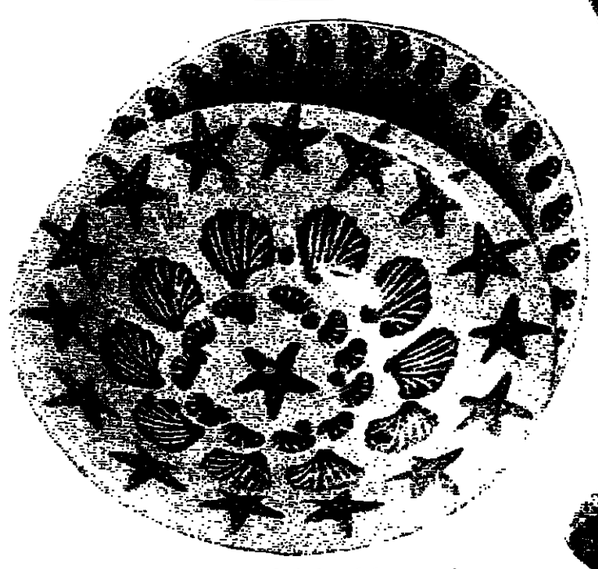
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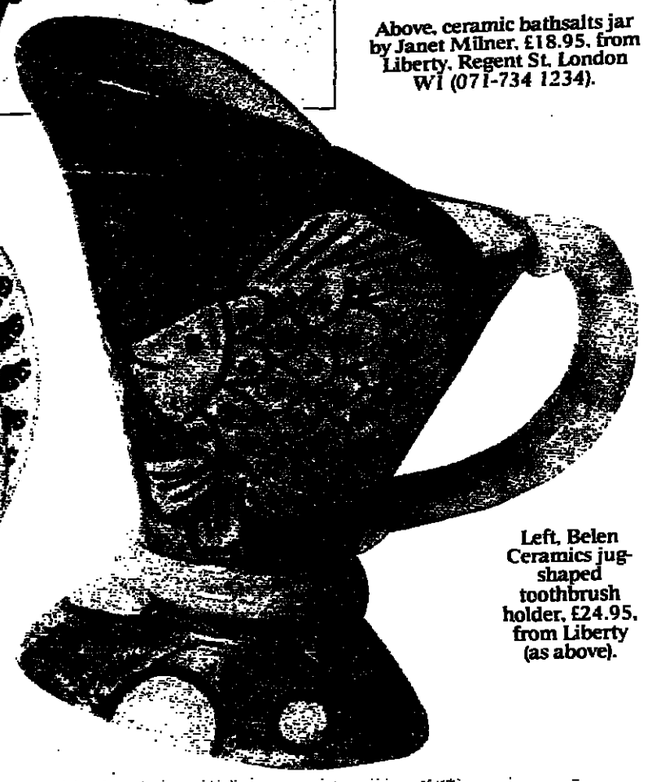
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Francesca Greenoak digs into a new series of gardening videos for absolute beginners

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Why are so many beginners at gardening thrown in at the deep end and allowed to make costly mistakes? Books, television, magazines and even newspaper columns are all limited in the extent of practical, hands-on knowledge they can convey. Video, the obvious choice for demonstrating a complete technique, seems to have been largely ignored.

Now, however, a new company, Periwinkle Productions, has begun to plug the gap with three titles in a very promising series. *Pelargoniums, Hanging Baskets* and *Fuchsias* give a full 90 minutes each of concentrated information and description, covering just about every aspect of their subjects in just the way a beginner needs. Garden broadcasters Harry Smith and Anne Swithinbank alternate with informative sessions and extended interviews with specialist gardeners. David Clark, who gives hints on growing pelargoniums and fuchsias based on his experience at Oakleigh Nurseries, near Alresford in Hampshire, says that he hopes to provide the "next best thing to having an expert at your elbow".

This is a good time to get busy with pelargoniums, so I watched that video through carefully. In fact, it has advantages over the expert: you can run the video again and again without it getting cross or losing patience. I usually ask the most awkward questions, and I have to say I found all the answers I wanted on this sensible video.

The species pelargoniums and their many cultivars, which include all the plants we know as geraniums (although not the cranesbills, the hardy geraniums), provide us with a wonderful diversity of pot plants, some of the best hanging basket flowers, bedding plants and scented foliage. For horticultural tidiness, they are divided into groups. On the video we are given a guided tour of each group, showing the range of colours of flowers and foliage, and assessing their uses in the house and garden.

My own favourites are those with scented foliage and the trailing ivy-leaved kinds, which make a bright cascade of red or pink when closely planted in hanging baskets. Older scented-leaf plants that have become a bit leggy through the winter can be cut back thoroughly now to make a good rounded shape for this year's growth. The trimmings provide plenty of 5-8cm long cuttings, which root very readily at this time of year. Mr Clark advises against using hormone rooting powder, except for the showy regal pelargoniums, or for cuttings with slightly woody stems which you may want to raise in winter.

I liked the way terms as well as processes were explained by the video team. Cuttings are best taken from just above a node (one of the little knees on the stem). A long piece of stem left above the node will die back and perhaps infect the plant. Cuttings should be trimmed to just below a leaf node. After the removal of most of the leaves and stipules (the little leaf-like appendages which grow around the nodes), they can be firmed gently into a seed tray or pot of seed or cuttings compost.

All this is even easier to understand because you can see exactly what stipules are and watch the expert patting the cuttings into place with exactly the right degree of firmness. The same applies with repotting, feeding and pruning. From here, you can progress confidently to seed collecting, hybridising and even top-grafting regal pelargoniums on to metre-high stock plants to make standards.

● *Periwinkle Productions, PO Box 25 (T), Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO3 6ZS (0489 885645). Videos £14.99 inc P&P; reductions for more than one; suggestions for further subjects welcomed.*

Gardens to visit

THE National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens begins its annual Garden Plant Heritage Week today with many gardens with special collections open to the public. This year the theme is Australasia.

● **Berkshire:** *Bloomsbury Plants, Upper Lodge Farm, Rectory Rd (off A4), Padworth Common (0734 700239)*
Exhibition of Australasian plants. Plant sales. Today until next Sat and Mon, May 3, noon-5pm; entry free, walks leaflet 50p. Lectures by Noel Kingsbury 11am and 3pm on May 1, £1.

● **Devon:** *Coleton Fishacre, Coleton, Kingswear, Dartmouth (0803 752466)*
20-acre garden with many rare and exotic species. Open tomorrow 2-5pm, Wed-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm; £2.60, child £1.30. Plant sales. Thur, two-hour guided tour of Australasian plantings; meet at visitor reception 2.30pm.

● **Fife:** *Kellie Castle — on B9171, 3m NW of Pittenweem (03338 337)*
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JULIAN HERBERT



In the picture: David Clark aims to give viewers "the next best thing to an expert at your elbow"

WEEKEND TIPS

● *Divide up overgrown perennials (except for peonies and Japanese anemones, which dislike disturbance).*

● *Hoeing off weed seedlings regularly will save time and trouble later in the season.*

● *Plant summer flowering bulbs in cooler areas.*

● *Keep pot plants on window sills and conservatories adequately ventilated, fed and watered.*

● *Sow hardy annuals in seed trays or in a cold frame.*

BEST BUYS

THIS is the best time of year to plant bamboos. Some of the neater, clump-forming cultivars can be grown even in smaller gardens. One of the most readily available, *Sinarundinaria nitida*, grows to 7-8ft (about 2m) and has arching canes and relatively small elegant leaves. Another of moderate size, *S. Murielae* (also known as *Thamnocalamus spathaceus*), a graceful but quite hardy species, has apple green leaves, and a new cultivar known as "Simba" grows to only 4-5ft (120-150cm). Bamboos like moist soils and shelter from cold winds.

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

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Where would you go?
My first choice is a secret; my second, Sikkim in India, is too far. My third, Barnes, is just slightly ahead of Oxford, because Tuesdays and Thursdays are best for dining at high table at Keble College, and W.H. Smith and Blackwell's, the bookshop, are shut on Sunday.

How would you get there?
By Tube and bus from St Stephen's church in EC4, where I am rector, to SW13, where I live.

Where would you stay?
In my own house, with nobody else at home that weekend.

Who would be your perfect companion?
The Oxford Companion to the English Language. Plus my records and CDs.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
My dressing gown and slippers, in case a grandchild drops in.

What medicines would you take?
Three Aminochel Zinc tablets (one a day), 1½ Disprin (½ each night).

What would you have to eat?
Cod and chips from Hammersmith on the way home on the Friday (no revolting vinegar, of course). Cod in parsley sauce (boil in the bag) and potatoes boiled in their skins and peeled. Two 3¼-minute boiled eggs with buttered toast. Lincolnshire sausages and crisp-fried bacon.

What would you have to drink?
Amontillado sherry, claret — a St Emilion 1970 — vintage port. The Glenlivet single malt whisky, neat, of course, lots of instant coffee with top of the milk, cold milk from the fridge and San Pellegrino fizzy water.

Which books would you read?
Any I fancied from the 3,000 in my library and the 1,000 near my bedroom. Ones not yet read are marked with a green spot.

What would you watch on television?
Wildlife programmes, either broadcast or from my video collection.

What film would you watch?
I wouldn't leave the house (except for church on Sunday) but I might watch a film on video. Perhaps an Ealing comedy or a film that was never completed, such as *I Claudius*, with Charles Laughton and Merle Oberon.

What music would you listen to?
Only when not reading, anything I fancied from my collection. Probably Bach, Rachmaninov, and Handel cantatas.

Would you play any games or sport?
Not unless two grandchildren came for a game of mah-jong or Scrabble, or a Short-Timman chess game from *The Times*.

What luxuries would you have?
The telephone off the hook; a long lie-in; an hour's wallow in the bath with Saturday's *Times*.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
Van Meergeren's fake Vermeer, "Supper at Emmaus".

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Anyone except a grandchild coming for an hour or less.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
I read only *The Times*, and the *Evening Standard* on a Friday.

What three things would you leave behind?
1. A pile of letters not yet answered. 2. My list of future engagements. 3. Papers waiting to be filed.

What three things would you most enjoy?
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Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

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The pointerpointers, an everyday story of English country folk

If you are not already a member of the horsey set, Alice Thomson suggests how to bluff your way at a point-to-point



Stable relationships: Monty and Roger Saul introduce their son, Freddie, to the joys of a Somerset point-to-point

It is seven am. Charlie has lost her curry comb. Vanessa is worrying whether the farmer's son is going to be in the beer tent and Jack is lacing up his Doc Martens. Their mother is worrying about taking Topsy the dog, who is on heat. Their father refuses to come because last year they got stuck in traffic that wound its way back from some grassy hill patched with white marquees to the front drive.

Forget Royal Ascot as a fashion parade for aspiring clothes-horses. Stuff Aintree (they did this year) and ignore the Derby. For the essence of horse-racing, nothing can touch the humble point-to-point (pronounced, by the cognoscenti, pointerpoint).

This is amateur British life at its best. The points are organised by hunts to raise funds. Jockeys are unpaid, stewards are local and there are invariably too few Portaloos. Entertainment centres on parked Volvos. Maximum prize money for a winner is £250, and there is no off-course betting. At least half the cars get stuck in the mud while toddlers learn their first swear words and go on the bouncy castle — probably at the same time.

The season usually opens at Tweseldown, near Aldershot in Hampshire, and meanders through the villages and towns of Chaucer's England to its conclusion at Umberleigh, Devon, in June.

Last year nearly 400,000 people attended a point-to-point. This year 104 meetings have been scheduled. Each meeting is slightly different. The farmers who brave the freezing winds at Flagg Moor in the Peak District might not appreciate the blazored men dribbling Pimms at the May meeting at Peper Harow, Surrey. The Cambridge undergraduates might sniff at the helicopters in east Cornwall.

If you are a north London girlie, into crocheted cardigans and suede flairs, forget point-to-points. The nearest you will get to trendy gear is a pair of jodhpurs, and you will get all those beads caught in people's wing mirrors. Grunge, to point-to-pointers, is muck in a horse's eye, and they are likely to splatter your new maxi boots with mud. And do not take your musician boyfriend. The music emanating from most people's cars will be *Evita*, stretching to Tina Turner at a pinch, and the farmers are unlikely to appreciate his pasty looks and greasy hair.

Nor should you go to a PTP if your idea of outdoor entertainment is garden parties on the lawn, large floppy hats, and floral shoulder-padded suits that will scare the horses and embarrass the teenage sons. And certainly do not go if you can't bear hairy dogs jumping into your lap, and mugs of lukewarm consommé.

You have been warned. If you still want to proceed, buy Mackenzie and Selby's *Hunters, Chasers and Point-to-pointers*, the professional's 900-page bible, which includes such abbreviations as RFO (Rider Fell Off), and two years ago awarded second place to a loose greyhound who joined a race at South Tetcott, Devon.

A few basic fashion rules: leather should be worn sparingly unless it is on horses, and should never be black. Headscarves are worn firmly over the ears, the more green the better; leave the jockeys to wear the silk.

If you decide to go there are four basic disguises you can adopt.

1. The professional boot-to-



booters: they arrive very early in their newish Range Rover, know the form, walk the course, and at least one of the jockeys went to school with their son. Their picnic hampers contain coronation chicken, potato salad and sherry. Father is identified by moleskin waistcoat, brogues and a shooting stick. Mother wears an old skirt or slacks, sleeveless quilted jacket and rakish hat. Adult children all have jobs in London. Invariably one of their girlfriends comes clad entirely unsuitably in a leopardskin flying suit, and is miserable.

2. The Pony Club family: this is where Charlie, Vanessa and Jack come into it. Charlie, nine, goes for the horses and fetlock conversation. She hangs around the horse boxes in her jodhpurs, is terrified that Crowned Glory will not make the second fence, and wins £10 on a tip-off. Vanessa, 15, has moved on to boys, hasn't quite lost her puppy fat and is wearing coloured jeans and a large checked shirt. She spends her time trying to entice the farmer's son Jeremy out of the beer tent, where he is drinking with Jack, 17, dressed in South American jumper and donkey jacket. Food: tuna fish sandwiches.

3. The farmers: younger son is riding, is a staunch Young Farmer and will take over the farm. While eating the remnants of last night's pheasant pie, they discuss the state of the hedgerows on the course and how much their next door neighbour makes by holding the event on his land. Father and son wear patched tweed jackets and warm Viyella shirts. The elder son, the smooth-looking Jeremy in the new Barbour, is a car dealer in Reading.

4. The townies: they fish out those old jumpers with the sheep on them and a pair of leggings or jeans. The toddler's dungaree straps fall into the loo. They eat burgers and ice-cream from the stand and they park on the wrong side of the hill but they still have a fantastic day.

More than fêtes, harvest festivals or market day, the point-to-point typifies English country people at play. Oddly, however, the sport seems to have been christened in the United States. One of the first laws passed by Jamestown council in Virginia was to prohibit "point-to-point racing" in the streets from one church steeple to another.

RIGHT

Jackie Taylor wears long red swagger watersilk coat in Gortex with suede collar, £535; classic Wigmore rose waistcoat, £125; mocha chino slim-leg trousers, £75; scarf from a selection at Mulberry. Paul Tarma wears olive green waxed cotton hunting jacket, £295; banana Grampian button-down shirt, £59.95; stone chino Rover trousers, £69; pebble Sharpham jacket, £405.

FAR RIGHT

Serena Withers wears long ocean blue swagger watersilk coat in Gortex, £535; weathered tartan Plumpton cap, McInnes, £29.95; indigo jeans, £59.95; China red scotchgrain Chichester bag, £95; model's own waistcoat; cornflower blue washed rugby shirt, £69. Vanessa Gibson wears bottle green short-sleeved piqué polo shirt, £45; ladies' red twill jeans, £59.95; small China red trout bag, £155; Vanessa's own waistcoat and brown felt hat.

BELOW

David Little wears single-breasted stone Lymington coat in lined Gortex, £465; green Pennine trousers, £69; classic button-down shirt with green stripe, £65; pinot Sharpham jacket, £405. Louise Coghlan wears red linen overshirt, £100; ecru jeans, £59.95; belt from a selection at Mulberry; claret/bottle rugby shirt, £69; weathered McInnes checked linen hat, £45. Steve Gray wears cornflower blue Grampian shirt, £59.95; mariner's duffle-coat in raspberry, £250; indigo jeans, £59; photographer's stone chino jacket, £125.

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Photographs taken earlier this month at the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale point-to-point in Somerset, sponsored by Mulberry. Photographs by Martin Beddall, stylist Victoria Pyman.





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● **Where to go:** For beginners, Britain is reckoned by surfing enthusiasts to be the ideal place to learn the sport, offering waves to suit most levels of ability. Newquay in Cornwall is Surf City UK, but the whole Atlantic coastline of Cornwall and Devon is peppered with popular surfing beaches. South Wales, the north east and the west coast of Ireland also have surfable waves. One of the best reef breaks in Europe is said to be on the north-eastern tip of Scotland.

● **Safety:** It is advisable only to surf where lifeguards are on duty, or with a tutor who has a lifesaving qualification. On many beaches there are underwater currents when the tide is going out that can carry surfers out beyond the point of no return. At Porthmeor beach, St Ives, Tim Whitefield (see story, right) and his colleagues are on duty from May 20 to the end of September, seven days a week from 10am to 6pm. Warning flags mark dangerous currents.

● **Schools:** Surf schools are almost as numerous as surfing beaches — details from the British Surfing Association (see below). It takes two to three weeks to learn to surf on your feet competently. In St Ives, Duncan Hall runs Surf Safaris, taking people out in a Land-Rover to local beaches in search of the best waves. Boards, wetsuits, tuition and a video of your efforts are included in the price of around £20 a day. For bookings call Natural Balance, the surfing shop in Fore Street, St Ives (0736 793264).

● **Equipment:** All you need is a board and wet suit, hirable on most surfing beaches or from surfing shops for about £10 each a day. Second-hand suits from £50 to £100 and big boards (around £100) are readily available to buy. Boogie boards are easier to manoeuvre and popular with youngsters (they cost £40 to £200 new), but you must have a pair of flippers or you will not catch many waves. Big boards are easier to stand up on.

● For further information, contact the British Surfing Association in Penzance on 0736 60250.

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SPORTING LIFE

Chill out in Surf City, UK

Jeremy Laurance and son brave the Atlantic in search of the perfect wave

RON SUTHERLAND



The contender: Jeremy Laurance, cold but exhilarated

Rounding the top of the hill we saw the seals, ranged just beyond the akers, the winter sun glint- off their oil-black skins. ere were 20 or 30, gently obing in the water, locked in ibra contemplation of the ch. Only when a set of ers swept in behind them d half a dozen rose to their did they metamorphose o rubber-clad surfers riding idwinter sea.

A couple of hours later my year-old son, Bill, and I iked into the waves to join m. I wanted to see if it was sible to swim in the Atlantic mid February and live. Only a trickle of water seeped ide my winter-thick wetsuit. arm and (mostly) dry, with ezing water up to my chest. I invincible. Bill's suit was ser fitting and he, a slightly ilr lad, had the strength- oping task of heating half a lon of Atlantic ocean slosh- ound his shoulder des.

We moved deeper into the ves. I last surfed more than years ago, coasting in on a le wooden board to a mug of cocoa in a beachside café in von. This afternoon on rthmeor beach, St Ives, I ped to repeat the experience. t Tim Whitefield, the local guard and surfing hero who d volunteered to sort us out. s expecting more.

We started in the shallows h little four-foot boogie ards made of lightweight gh-density foam, launching rselves in front of breaking ves to skim across the water d bump our noses on the ach. Bill was whooping — ether with pain, joy or fear s unclear. Even at this level, catching a wave is strangely exhilarating.

Tim was impatient to be out in the big surf. We rubbed our boards — I had switched to an 8ft. fin-tailed fibreglass job — with Sex Wax (authentic Californian board polish). This makes it sticky so that when the action gets hot and wet you don't slide off, he told us with the barest flicker of a smile.

We set off, swimming and diving through the breakers to the calmer water beyond. Waves which I had estimated, from the shore, at five to six feet, turned out to be house-sized when we were among them. But it was surprisingly easy to swim out — and surprisingly hard to get back.

As my first big wave rolled lazily in, Tim yelled at me to paddle. I flailed at the water as the sea rose beneath me, trying to reach the crest, but it was hopeless — like trying to ride the down escalator up. Another and another swept by without me. I paddled and paddled, up and up, but never quite reached the top, and as each wave peaked just out of reach I slipped down its back.

Another wave, bigger this time, and another shout from Tim. Ted Deerhurst, an English surfer who has chased big waves around the globe, once said that surfing was like jumping off the roof of a three-storey house and then having the house chase you down the street. I dug my palms into the sea and launched over the top. The peak of the wave sent me surging forward and for two seconds I was hurtling down its face. As I struggled to pull the nose of the board up, the wave pitched out, curled across the top and swallowed me. It was the first of several visits to the oceanic washing machine.

A couple of times after that I caught walls of water that drove me to the shore with a power that has turned sane men dotty. Cambridge don and surfing fanatic Andy Martin has described surfing as "less a sport than a state of mind, an adventure in mythology, a religion with its own high priests and ritual sacrifices". That is what the sea can do to you.

After an hour I was whacked and Bill had long since retreated to a hot shower. I stepped out of the waves on rubber legs — I had become my wet suit. Half an hour later, hanging on to the side of the bath, I was still trying and failing to peel myself out of it, despite heroic assistance from a friend.

Surfing is supposed to be about sex, about hunky boys and California girls, about swimsuits and sun oil and shooting the tube. In Cornwall in winter it is about catching waves, keeping warm and remembering which way is up.

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Nicole Swengley on the launch of a national campaign to stop the rot on our doorsteps

Doors open on to traditional values

According to English Heritage, the special character of Britain's 8,000 conservation areas is at risk because of a rash of replacement windows and doors. The main threat is to unlisted houses in conservation areas, where there is little planning control.

English Heritage has devised a national campaign — "Framing Opinions" — to persuade home-owners of the importance of retaining traditional-style doors and windows. John Fidler, the campaign organiser, says: "It is in the same mode as the Campaign for Real Ale. We want to get away from a homogenised way of life. Standard replacement products are reducing the country to a samey kind of place.

> 'One wonders if owners appreciate the economic damage that can be done'

"People sometimes think they are improving the resale value of a property by changing the windows and doors, but buyers often prefer the original style. We're trying to persuade the public to see if they really need replacements. Maybe an original door or window could be repaired instead of replaced. We try to suggest alternatives: for example, draught-proofing existing windows is cheaper than double glazing and only slightly less efficient.

"We're also trying to show that modern designs, even in timber, don't match what's already there in terms of proportions, shape and glazing bars. All these things are part of the history of a building. It loses something if they aren't replaced in the same style."

English Heritage is collecting data and in June plans to issue a series of publications as part of its "Framing Opinions" campaign. These will list suppliers of traditional-style doors and windows and sources for ironmongery, offer advice on energy-saving and on repair methods, and give a history of styles. English Heritage also advises companies that make facsimiles of historic windows, such as Blair Joinery, in Scotland, and Longden, in Sheffield. A series of travelling exhibitions aimed at educating home-owners is planned.



English Heritage's view: replacement windows, as above, affect a property's character



Right entry: do new doors help?

Martin Bradshaw, the director of the Civic Trust, the environmental charity, says: "The vast majority of changes which are taking a toll of the character and appearance of conservation areas do not require planning permission.

"Mass-produced replacement doors, bought off the shelf, perhaps suitable for a 1990s house but out of place on a 1790 farmhouse or in an 1890 terrace, are now all too common. The old farmhouse would have been built using hand-crafted local materials, not exotic hardwoods, while the 1890s terrace would have been designed as an entity, with matching doors and window frames which would have been timber.

"Nowadays, we see a proliferation of these insensitive alterations. Stained glass panels are discarded, leaded lights are replaced by two-dimensional strips on the glazing set in an aluminium or plastic frame which does not even attempt to match original detail or style. Stone slates are replaced by cement tiles or traditional slate by machine-made pantiles. And there is what I call the 'Dulux syndrome', where changes of stucco colour again affect a whole terrace.

"This is all done in the sacred name of individuality and usually with the best of intentions. But one has to wonder whether, in areas of recognisable and distinctive character, owners appreciate the visual and economic damage that can be done.

"To make one house stand out, when it is part of a scene, will usually affect the value of the properties adversely."

Persuasion and education are plausible ways of stemming the aesthetic rot of replacement windows and doors, but even more important to home-owners is the availability of well-made, traditionally-styled fixtures and fittings.

Fortunately, a handful of companies produce period-style doors which can be supplied nationally. The London Door Company, set up ten years ago by John Williamson, manufactures doors and frames to order and supplies a glazing and fitting service in London. The company also makes stained glass fan lights and French windows.

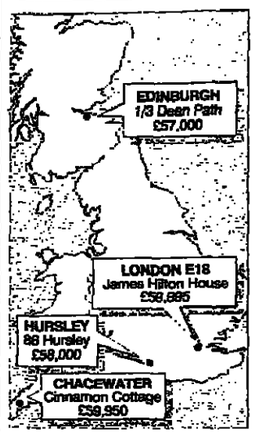
Marston & Langinger, better known for bespoke conservatories, offers an acceptable compromise between standard and catalogue timber doors and also makes frames, architraves and brassware specially tailored to the needs of older houses. Peter Marston, a director of the company, explains: "Every order is individually prepared, with the correct dimensions, mouldings and other details to suit the location. Our policy is to make it possible for people to go to one company to give them a door and frame that, when finished, will look as if it has always been there, and beautifully maintained."

Marston & Langinger's brochure illustrates 15 door designs which can be adapted for specific locations. Prices start from £247 plus VAT for a nine-panel interior door, rising to £696 plus VAT for a large exterior Victorian door. Knobs, locks and latches in traditional designs, including some that are quite unusual and not easy to obtain, may be ordered along with hinges, bolts and safety glass. An advisory service makes sure home-owners order appropriate brassware for the style of the door and the correct frame for their house.

● *English Heritage, Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, London W1X 1AB (071-973 3000). Blair Joinery, 9 Baker Street, Greenoak, Renfrewshire, Scotland PA1 4TU (0475 21256). Longden Doors & Windows, Parkwood Road, Sheffield S3 8AH (0742 767561). The London Door Company, 116 St John's Hill, London SW11 1TQ (071-223 7243). Marston & Langinger, 192 Ebury Street, London SW1W 8UP (071-824 8818).*

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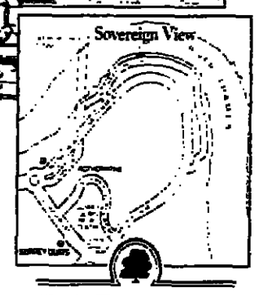
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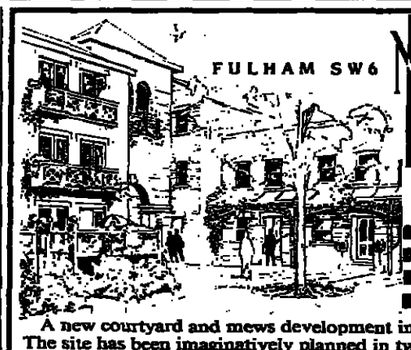
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Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Preview Tues, Wed, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm.

SEARCH AND DESTROY: Stephen Daldry's debut production here is also Howard Korder's British debut, with a play zigzagging across the United States to give a darkly comic picture of the soured American dream.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, SW1 (071-730 2554). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens May 5, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

SHIMMER/DON'T YOU EVER CALL ME ANYTHING BUT MOTHER: A double-bill of one-person plays by American dramatist John O'Keefe: a 12-year-old boy on the brink of escaping from a detention farm, and an alcoholic pining for her son. Performed by William Marsh and Anny Tobin.
Mermaid Studio, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Previews Mon, Tues, 8pm; opens Wed, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

REGIONAL

CHICHESTER: The 1993 season opens with Tony Britton playing the Bishop of Chelsea and Dorothy Tutin the clairvoyant Mayoress, heading a strong cast for Shaw's Getting Married, directed by Frank Hauser.
Festival Theatre (0243 781312). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm, opens May 5, 7pm. Plays Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm, until May 15; then in repertoire with *Relative Values*.

GLASGOW: Last productions of the spring season. *Old Rose* by Heinrich Henkel explores the generation gap between an elderly woman and the young man painting her flat (Stalls Studio, free preview Tues, opens Wed); *The Marowitz Hamlet*, Charles M's 90-minute cut-and-collage version (Circle Studio, free preview Wed, opens Thurs); *Sunset Song*, Lewis Grassic Gibbon's passionate study of a rural community on the change, performed by TAG Theatre (Main Theatre, free preview Thurs, opens Fri).
Citizens, Gorbals (041-429 0022). All performances Tues-Sun, 7.30pm.

MOLD: Alexandra Mathie and Robert Duncan brave the fire in the attic in Fay Weldon's adaptation of *Jane Eyre*.
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Previews tonight, Mon, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Tues-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sat (May 1), 3pm.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: Chris Martin's adaptation of Victor Hugo's Gothic tragedy of a hunchback, a peal of bells and the lovely Esmeralda: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.
New Victoria Theatre, Etruria Road (0782 717962). Mon-Thurs, Sat, 7.30pm, Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Jason Connery bullies Louise Gold and wins her heart in Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. Set in a 1930s museum.
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Previews tonight, Mon, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat (May 15), 2.30pm.

FILM

ACCIDENTAL HERO (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

BODY OF EVIDENCE (18): Predatory murder suspect Madonna hooks defence lawyer Willem Dafoe. Silly, sleazy attempt to rival *Basic Instinct*. Director, Uli Edel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, Andre Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

FOREVER YOUNG (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy; with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

LEAP OF FAITH (PG): Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama; with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).



Ready to jump: Gary Olsen and Dearbhla Molloy in Alan Bleasdale's inner city vision. On the Ledge (see Theatre)

MR SATURDAY NIGHT (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, comball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer; Crystal also directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ONE FALSE MOVE (18): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by the British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Magical meditation on art and nature from Victor Erice, director of *The Spirit of the Beehive*.
Renoir (071-837 8402).



Man of mystery: Richard Gere stars in Sommersby

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he her husband? Jon Amiel's plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

USED PEOPLE (12): Queasy comedy romance with Shirley MacLaine and Marcello Mastroianni. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: British conductor Raymond Leppard has been the maestro of Indianapolis for six years now, and has developed a handsome orchestra in a city that has a lot more culture going for it than its "Indianapolis 500" reputation would suggest. Rather bravely, the Americans are coming to London with Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, but they are also playing some user-friendly modern American music (William Schumann's *New England Triptych*) and the saccharine joys of Bruch's *G minor Violin Concerto*, with Dmitry Sitkovetsky as the soloist.
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Fri, 7.30pm.

ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: The Covent Garden orchestra has been winning critical approval recently in the pit. Its excursions into concert repertoire have not always been happy, but on his day Bernard Haitink is a mesmerising conductor. Here they play Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, and Felicity Lott sings Ravel's sensuously beautiful song-cycle *Shehérazade*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

OPERA

BERENICE: A fine Handel opera about the amorous intrigues of the ancient Egyptians, rarely performed today except for the minuet from the overture, which you occasionally hear at weddings. The ever-enterprising Cambridge University Opera Society has revived the whole thing with Ann Mackay in the title role.
University Music School, 11 West Road, Cambridge (booking through the Arts Cinema: 0223 352001), Thurs, next Sat and Sun, 7pm.

ARIODANTE: And slightly more familiar Handel from English National Opera. Expect solid authenticity on the musical side, with Baroque specialist Nicholas McGegan conducting, and highly non-authentic jinks on the stage, with *enfant terrible* David Alden producing. A top-flight cast includes Ann Murray, Amanda Roocroft and Lesley Garrett.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed, 7pm.

ROCK

OZRIC TENTACLES: After last year's cultish offering, *Live Underslunky*, the hippies are back with a new album, *Jurassic Shift*, featuring more Seventies style rock in the tradition of groups such as Gong and Hawkwind.
Glasgow, Tunnel Club (031-557 6969), Tues, 9pm-2am.
Newcastle, University (091-232 8402), Wed, 7.30pm-midnight.
Hull, University (0482 466264), Thurs, 8.30pm-1.30am. **Leeds**, Polytechnic (0532 430171), Fri, 9pm-2am.

MIDNIGHT OIL: The rock steady Ozzie band fronted by the charismatic Peter Garret hit town for an incendiary one-off gig.
Astoria, London, WC2 (071-434 0403), Thurs, 7pm.

HOTHOUSE FLOWERS: This Irish band have had no problems with the traditionally difficult third album. *Songs from the Rain* once again combines folk and rock with arrestingly beautiful results. They come to London's Albert Hall on May 3 and 4.
Barrowlands, Glasgow (041-552 4601), Fri and next Sat, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

WARREN VACHE: The master cornettist plays here with Brian Lemon and will be returning to the same venue over the following two weeks.
PizzaExpress, London, W1 (071-437 9595), Wed, 7.45pm.

MIKE WESTBROOK: The pianist and composer brings his 20-piece orchestra to London to perform selections from some of his grander compositions including *Big Band Rossini* and *On Duke's Birthday*.
100 Club, London, W1 (071-636 0933), Wed, 7.45pm.

ROOTS SALUTES THE SAXOPHONE: A veritable feast for saxophone lovers is offered by this supergroup of musical heavyweights including hornmen Arthur Blythe, Nathan Davis, Chico Freeman and Sam Rivers and the excellent Don Pullen on piano.
The Union Chapel, London, N1 (071-916 2200), Fri, 7.30pm.

JAMES "BLOOD" ULMER: The unconventional guitarist plays aggressive jazz funk in a powerful trio with the electric bassist Jamaaladeen Tacuma and drummer Ronald Shannon Jackson.
Jazz Factory at Dingwalls, London, NW1 (071-267 1999 or 071-916 2200), Wed, 8pm-2am.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

PAINTINGS FROM THE BOWES MUSEUM: The Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle is being refurbished, so 29 of its most famous paintings are on show here. The Bowes collection was amassed between 1860 and 1890, and the works included attest to the breadth of the collectors' taste. Included are one of El Greco's finest works, *The Tears Of St Peter*, two Goyas, Boucher's superb *Landscape With a Windmill*, and lesser known works by Courbet, Sassetta and Heemskerck. Baron Antoine-Jean Gros's *Portrait of the Duchess of Angoulême* is pictured on this page.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens Wed to June 20.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Ken Powell has a collector's passion for British art of the immediately postwar era, and has amassed an unrivalled collection of it in the last 20 years. His particular favourite is Prunella Clough, of whom he has 19 works from between 1945 and 1961, as well as the *Men At Work* portfolio of 18 drawings and monotypes. He also owns a splendid representation of St Ives free form abstractionists, including Roger Hilton, Peter Lanyon, Patrick Heron and Terry Frost. The London version of this show is reduced from that shown in Edinburgh and Sheffield to 38 works, though also including some not shown at previous venues.
Courtauld Institute Galleries (Nos 9 and 10), Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens Wed to June 13.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd mating brings together Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), leading figure of the American avant-garde, and haunting painter of large flower pictures, and James Turrell (born 1943), who works in pure light.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until June 27.

TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN FRENCH ART: This show representing the collection of the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Lille, temporarily closed for refurbishment, gives a very fair idea of the cross currents in French art between 1700 and 1880. The collection includes some familiar works such as Delacroix's *Medea* and David's *Belisarius* but its strength is in fine works by academic painters little known in this country, such as the symbolist Jean-Charles Cazin and the realist Luc-Olivier Merson, as well as the painter of the Revolution Louis-Leopold Boilly.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-6pm, until July 11.

GEORGES BRAQUE — PRINTS: Braque produced prints of various kinds, starting with a series of Cubist etchings, but he really concentrated on print-making only after 1945, when he started to make lithograph and intaglio prints, producing some of his most familiar images in this way.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until June 27.

GEORGES ROUAULT — THE EARLY YEARS: For those who associate Rouault mainly with the heavily black-outlined religious and circus pictures of his later years, these early works (1903-1920) will come as a considerable surprise. Brothel scenes, grotesquely satirical images of law courts recalling Daumier, and brilliantly coloured Fauve landscapes were all part of his repertoire before he settled into stained-glass rectitude.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until June 6.



Bowes exhibit: Portrait of the Duchess of Angoulême

REGIONAL

ROMANESQUE: The opening show of the new Henry Moore Institute galleries in Leeds is, enterprisingly enough, not devoted to Moore but instead to stone sculptures from medieval England. This offers a unique opportunity to see close-up two major series of works, from York Minster and Lincoln Cathedral, which were removed more than 20 years ago to prevent further damage from weather and pollution. Accompanying them are contemporary illuminated manuscripts.
The Henry Moore Institute, 75 The Headrow, Leeds (0532 467467). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 9pm), Sat-Sun, 1-5pm, until July 19.

LUCIENNE DAY: The artist's most famous fabric design, *Calyx*, was made especially for the Festival of Britain, and throughout the Fifties she was a dominant figure and inescapable influence with her bold geometric shapes, vibrant colours and spindly elegance. She is still at work, making "silk mosaic wall-hangings" for her own pleasure. High time for a reappraisal.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm (Thursday to 9pm), until June 26.

NICHOLAS EVANS: An impressive show of the recent work of this retired Welsh miner whose packed square canvases evoke the traditional miner's life in virtual monochrome and claustrophobic intimacy. At the age of 86 he is still going strong.
St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 342611). Daily, 10am-4.30pm, and after 6.30pm most evenings.

DANCE

BALLET IMPERIAL: To mark the tenth anniversary of the death of George Balanchine, Covent Garden is reviving *Ballet Imperial*, the first of his works to enter the Royal Ballet repertoire. This revival will be performed in the original version which he created in America in 1941 and taught to the then Sadler's Wells Ballet in 1950; Eugene Berman's designs for Sadler's Wells will be recreated by Anthony Dowell. *Ballet Imperial* is part of a triple bill that includes Bintley's popular *Still Life at the Penguin Cafe* and MacMillan's elegiac *Gloria*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), Fri, 7.30pm.

SHOES: A new work by Aletta Collins receives its world premiere during London Contemporary Dance Theatre's season in Northampton. Collins, whose *Stand By Your Man* was toured by LCDT three years ago, has set *Shoes* to an original score commissioned from composer Steve Martland. Two proven works complete the bill: Mark Morris's *Motorcade* and Christopher Bruce's *Rooster*, set to songs by the Rolling Stones.
Derngate, 19-21 Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811), Wed-next Sat, 7.30pm

THE TURNING WORLD: This is the fourth year The Place Theatre has presented its season of contemporary dance from abroad. But where previous seasons focused on Europe, this year's dance is from all five continents. In all, nine companies are being presented over 15 nights.
The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, London, WC1 (071-387 0031), opens Tues, 8pm.

DE VALOIS TRIBUTE: Not a dance performance per se but a tribute to one of the greatest figures in 20th century ballet — Dame Ninette de Valois, founder of the Royal Ballet. In honour of her 95th birthday year, and to mark the Tchaikovsky centenary, the orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, is playing highlights from the three Tchaikovsky ballets: *The Sleeping Beauty*, *The Nutcracker* and *Swan Lake*. There will also be spoken introductions by Royal Ballet stars Lesley Collier, Anthony Dowell and Antoinette Sibley.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.

BOOKINGS

GORMENGHAST: The David Glass Ensemble takes its acclaimed interpretation of Mervyn Peake's gothic classic on a countrywide tour. The production uses Kabuki, poor-theatre, mime and puppetry to create the fantastic world of the crumbling baroque kingdom.
Coventry, Warwick Arts Centre (0203 524524), May 5, 6 **Birmingham**, MAC (021-440 4221/3838), May 7, 8. **Farnham**, The Maltings (0252 715301), May 12. **Crawley**, The Hawth (0293 553636), May 14. **Worthing**, Connaught Theatre (0903 235333), May 18. **Sheffield**, The Crucible Theatre (0702 769922), May 24-25. **Billingham**, The Forum Theatre (0642 551389), May 28-29. **Bradford**, The Studio, Alhambra Theatre (0274 752000), June 4-5. **Bracknell**, The Wilde Theatre (0344 484123), June 8-9. **Bury St Edmunds**, Theatre Royal (0284 769505), June 10-11. **Oxford**, Playhouse (0865 798600), June 15-17. **Horsham**, Christ's Church Hospital (0403 211300), June 18. **Hexham**, Queen's Hall (0434 607272), June 29. **Berwick**, Maltings Arts Centre (0289 607272), July 2. **London**, BAC (071-223 2223), July 6-25.

VIENNA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Riccardo Muti conducts the orchestra in the third and final concert in the South Bank series. The programme includes Fauré's *Pelleas et Melisande* Suite, Ravel's *Rapsodie Espagnole* and Beethoven's Symphony No 3, *Eroica*.
Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 (071-928 8800), May 30

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE: The 1993 Festival season opens on May 5 with Bernard Shaw's play *Getting Married*. Dorothy Tutin and Tony Britton are the co-stars. Later in the season Susan Hampshire will take the part of the Countess of Marshwood and Sarah Brightman will play Miranda in Noel Coward's *Relative Values*.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312).

NEW VIDEOS

BOB ROBERTS (Columbia TriStar, 15): Actor Tim Robbins's enterprising directorial debut: a lively spoof documentary about a right-wing folksinger's dirty battle for a seat in the US Senate. 1992.

BETTY BLUE (Fox World Cinema, 18): Three-hour version of Jean-Jacques Beineix's tale of mad love, released with cuts in 1986. The plot makes more sense, but the style of grandiose chic still irritates. Beatrice Dalle as the fiery Betty, Jean-Hughes Anglade as her layabout hero.



Tragic heroine: Beatrice Dalle stars in Betty Blue

THE SEVENTH SEAL (Tartan, PG): Bergman's famous allegory about a Crusades knight challenging Death to a chess game — a cornerstone of postwar cinema — comes to video specially packaged with a Faber paperback of the screenplay. Three other Bergman films keep it company: *The Magician* (better known as *The Face*, with Max Von Sydow subjected to brutal interrogation), *Winter Light* (a piercing study of religious despair) and *The Silence* (a bleak tale of two self-destructive sisters). Essential viewing, but don't expect rib-ticking fun.

THE BABE (CIC, PG): Old-style biography of baseball legend Babe Ruth, dominated by John Goodman's endearing impersonation. With Kelly McGillis; directed by Arthur Hiller. Released straight to video 1992.

PARSIFAL (World Cinema, £; two tapes): Hans-Jurgen Syberberg's monumentally eccentric but powerful version of Wagner's opera. Parsifal is split into two sexes and the set consists of the composer's death mask. With Michael Kutter and Edith Clever as Kundry. 1982.

Film: Geoff Brown, **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Richard Morrison, **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine, **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Heather Alston

EVENINGS OUT

JAMES FERMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF BRITISH FILM CLASSIFICATION



I see films for work and pleasure, so going to see live theatre is more of an evening out for me. I began my career working in theatre and I love going back to it. My wife and I try to see everything of any quality in London. We enjoy the complete range from Shakespeare to musical comedy and we go practically every weekend. I very much want to see Judi Dench in the latest Peter Shaffer play *The Gift of the Gorgon* [Wyndham's Theatre until July 3]. It's about violence and vengeance — the need that men appear to have to pay others back, and the need that women seem to feel to restrain this appalling impulse that tears humanity apart. I booked *Les Mis* six months ahead in its first year, but I've never managed to get into *Phantom of the Opera* [booking to January 1994 at Her Majesty's Theatre]. I'd still like to see it even though it must be on its sixth or seventh cast by now. My wife loves cinema too, so I take her to a lot of the films I've already seen. It's interesting for me to see the way ordinary audiences respond to them. The new Catherine Deneuve film *Indochine* appeals, and since philosophy is a sort of hobby of mine, I'd like to see Derek Jarman's film *Wittgenstein* [at the Metro, London, W1, 071-437 0757 until May 14, and some regional cinemas].

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

BRIGALOW

(c) Any one of several species of Australian acacia, especially *Acacia harpophylla*, adapted from the native name *biriagalah*: "Long shafts of silvery moonlight creep in between the waving branches of the blue gum and brigalow."

TARDYON

(a) A sub-atomic particle that travels at less than the speed of light, a neologism of Physics from 1969, from *tardy* + *-on*: "The number of tachyons in a system may vary from observer to observer — yet another variation from the conventional world of tardyons."

RADDLING

(b) The action of marking sheep with raddle, or some other red substance, from *raddle* to mark the backs of ewes with red to show that they have been tupped: "Mark 'em [sc. the sheep] all with two red letters, Johnny: they always do that; — raddling, they call it, I think."

NAND

(a) A Boolean function of two or more variables that has the value zero when all of them are unity, and is otherwise unity. n(ot)... and...": "Due to practical manufacturing reasons the Nand configuration forms the basis of the majority of integrated circuit systems."

THE TIMES Auctions Diary

EAST

KINGSFORD AUCTIONS at Langham Centre, School Road, Langham: Tel: 0206 44858. Mobile (0860 609159. **Thursday April 29th** - Antique furniture, ceramics, pictures and collectables. 10.00am.

SUFFOLK SALES, Church Street, Clare. 0787 277993. Antiques & Chattels. **Saturday 24th April** 11am - viewing 9am.

HOME COUNTIES

AMERSHAM AUCTION ROOMS Station Road, Amersham HP7 0AH. Tel: 0494 729292. Antiques & Collectables. **6th May** 10.30 am.

BROWN & MERRY (Brook St, Tring, Herts, HP23 5EF. Tel: 044282 6446. General Saturday Sale **Saturday May** 1st 11.30am. Viewing Friday Prior to Sale 10am-6pm, Sat 8.30am. (Cattle Market).

CHANCELLORS, London Road, Kingston, Surrey 081 541 4139. **Thursday 29th April** 11.00am. Viewing Wednesday 2-8pm. General Auction.

SOUTH BUCKS AUCTIONS, Church Rooms, Old Amersham 0494 722758. Antique & Collectors **29th May** 1pm. 5% commission to sell, retain advert.

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CRITERION SALEROOMS 53 Essex Road, London N1 Tel: 071 399 5707 Sale of Antiques every Monday 6.00pm. On View Friday 4pm - 8pm, Saturday 11am - 3pm, Sunday 11am - 3pm Monday From 10am.

DOWELL LLOYD & CO. 118 Putney Bridge Road, London SW15 2NQ. Tel: 081 788 7777. **Tuesday 27th April** Jewellery. 9.30

REGENTS OF FINCHLEY Antique Auction **Sunday 25th April & Sunday 2nd May** at 2:30pm. Glass, furniture, porcelain, pictures, jewellery etc. 202 Regents Pk Rd, N3. Telephone 081 343 1605 or 081 343 3736. Auction every Sunday at 2:30pm.

MIDLANDS

BIGWOOD'S (The Old School, Tiddington, Stratford-on-Avon, Warks, CV37 7AW. Tel: 0789 269415) **Wednesday 28th April.** Antique furniture, pictures, silver & works of art, 11.00.

MIDLANDS

HEATHCOTE BALL & CO LTD, Commercial Street, Northampton NN1 1PJ. 0604 37264. **Thurs 29th April** at 11am. Auction of Fine Wines, Accessories. Assets of Wine Wholesaler in Liquidation. Catalogues £1.

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PHILLIPS - More Sales More Places. For details telephone (091) 477 6688.

WILKINSON & BEIGHTON Woodhouse Grn, Thurcroft, Rotherham, S Yrks S66 9AQ. **Mon 26 April** Tel: 0709 700005 Fax: 0709 700244. Antique & later furniture & effects. 11.00

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GRAVES SON & PILCHER (71 Church Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 2GL. Tel: 0273 735266) **Thursday 29 April** Jewellery, silver, ceramics & collectables. 10.30 (Palmeira Auction Rms, 38 Holland Rd.).

WOOLLEY & WALLIS Salisbury Salerooms. Tel: 0722 411422. **29th April** 10am. Antique furniture (200 lots), Eastern Carpets & Rugs (250 lots). On view previous 2 days 10am-4:30pm. Illustrated catalogue £3.50 by post.

WEST

PHILLIPS - More Sales More Places. For details telephone (0225) 310609.

BRUTON KNOWLES, Albion Chambers, 111 Eastgate St., Gloucester GL1 1PZ (0452 521267) 18th & 19th century furniture, military uniforms, leather, millinery. Venue: The Tithe Barn, Southam near Cheltenham. Sale Day: **Thursday, 29th April,** 10.30 am. Viewing: Wednesday 28th April, 10am-7pm.

COTTEES (The Market, East Street, Wareham, Dorset BH20 4NR. Tel: 0929 552826) **Tuesday 27th April** Antique Sale 10.00am. Also **James Fry** Oils & Pastels at 2.00pm.

HALL FINE ART AUCTIONS, Welsh Bridge, Shrewsbury. - We are currently accepting goods for our spring sale on **Friday 14th May**, if you would like advice concerning entering items into auction or for free pre-sale estimates please ring Richard Allen or Robert Miller on (0743) 231212 day or (0743 634) 272 eve.

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THEATRE: **Heather Neill** meets the new man at the Young Vic. Plus **Martin Hoyle** on a misanthropic view of Shakespeare

Calculated life of an anarchist

ALAN WELLER



Young ambition: Tim Supple, new joint artistic director of the Young Vic (pictured at the Old Vic), manages simultaneously to appear as donnish and a teenage rebel

By coincidence, the newly appointed joint artistic directors of the Young Vic are working, side by side, a few yards from their new home in Waterloo. Tim Supple and Julia Bardsley, who will take up their appointment as David Thacker's successors later this year, are each directing a play in the National Theatre's "Springboards" season.

This is a celebration of new work generated by the National's Studio (which is housed in the Old Vic annexe) and other studio theatres in London and elsewhere — in Leicester, Birmingham, Liverpool and Salisbury. Bardsley is working on *Baby Doll*, a chamber opera based on Tennessee Williams's screenplay, and Supple is presenting four performances of *He Who Saw Everything*, a version of the ancient epic of Gilgamesh.

After leaving comprehensive school in Lewes, East Sussex, Supple took a degree in English at Cambridge because someone told him that was the best way to get into directing. Hall, Nunn, Pimlott and Mendes are others who have followed the same route, and it seems to have worked for Supple too. He went straight from university to the Theatre Royal York on a bursary and, still only 30, has directed Branagh in *Coriolanus* and made his name at the National with *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, *Whale* and *Billy Liar*.

He manages simultaneously to be donnish and the teenage rebel. When he was a teenager, he much preferred punk concerts to theatre which he associated with conformity, as represented by parents and school. His love of the dangerous and experimental still informs everything he does.

He and Bardsley avoid making policy statements for the Young Vic, saying only that they intend to combat the restrictions of recession by being daring and expansive. Theatre, as Supple puts it, "has to surprise, arrest, engage people more actively than it might have to do otherwise". He wants audiences to respond, for good or ill.

"The worst thing is complacency. Nothing is more dispiriting than to hear people leaving a theatre saying, 'Well, that was nice'. Theatre should stimulate emotionally, intellectually, morally, politically, sexually — in every possible way."

Despite all this passion, he insists that there is nothing of the missionary about him, even declaring (with a nod to his own punk days) that "audiences are more likely to be stimulated by other things than theatre at the moment." Nevertheless, the theatre has "unique, powerful, imaginative properties not available in anything else". However, "it's not a social service," he warns. Theatre works best when it is "disturbed, disturbing, uncertain, not readily tied in with morality."

If all this sounds theoretical, his track record bears him out. In York, he chose to work with the youth theatre, where there was more energy and innovation than in the mainstream rep. His version of *Accidental Death of an Anarchist* (prepared for the National's education department) was both theatrically slick and politically nimble-footed. His recent *Billy Liar* brought out — as far as the dated text would allow — the darker notes of philistinism, jealousy and the dangers of repression.

Supple and Bardsley, who is joint artistic director at Leicester Haymarket, talked about how they would manage their ideal theatre when they met in 1990 on a trip to the United States to explore American theatre. They will take turns with administrative and directing responsibilities, although joint productions are not ruled out.

They intend to build up relationships with artists so that they will keep coming back. There will be classics and new work and other kinds of events — a theatrical documentary about an urgent local matter, perhaps, or debates, late-night music or all-night performances. Nothing is fixed but, whatever happens, "what takes place must be vital and exceptional, not worthy".

They are well placed to take the Young Vic in a new direction. Thacker leaves it with the worst financial problems solved and on an artistic high: Arthur Miller's *The Last Yankee* has transferred to the Duke of York's after a sold-out season. Supple admires Thacker but thinks that his Young Vic has, inevitably, been "nearer the West End than Lambeth". Supple is more anarchic.

Gilgamesh is an ideal vehicle for him. *He Who Saw Everything* grew out of work at the Studio, the National's "research and development" department, where actors and directors are at liberty to experiment without the pressure of production deadlines. The story of Gilgamesh is older than the Bible, a collection of Sumerian fragments turned into an epic by the Babylonians, a story of heroism and friendship, a quest that includes a prototype of the story of the Flood. It was almost certainly performed, probably as part of a sacred ritual.

Supple suggested doing some classes in exploration of the material at the Studio. About 30 actors took up the challenge. At that stage there was no thought of an end product. Research and experiment with the help of, among others, a Nigerian choreographer and a Javanese dancer led to a performance, however. Now Supple is working with that same group.

The story of Gilgamesh has previously been told in prose translation; for the first time its poetic dynamism will be accessible to a modern Western audience. "When people have tried to create ritual in rehearsal, I've put a stop to it. You must get inside the work. I've been humbled by its immensely sophisticated poetic imagination. At first it seems like a two-dimensional engraving; only when it is read aloud do you realise its power."

Will *He Who Saw Everything* have another incarnation at the Young Vic? "Definitely. This is just the first stage of its life."

● *He Who Saw Everything is at the Cottesloe (071-928 2252), May 12-15*



DONALD COOPER

Fine-boned Rosalind: Kate Buffery (right) engages with Peter de Jersey's Orlando

The exiles of Arden live gloomily ever after

As You Like It
Barbican

THE forest of Arden has come to EC2; though not quite as momentous as Birnam Wood's day-trip to Dunsinane, the requisite happy ending is achieved almost as glumly as in the Scottish play. David Thacker's production, reviewed by Benedict Nightingale at its Stratford premiere last year, sets *As You Like It* in a chill world in which man is up against both his own fallibility and a frostily uncooperative nature. Accommodation is reached with both; but one wonders for how long.

Johan Engels once memorably upstaged a Manchester production of *Hay Fever* with glitz-punk-new romantic costumes. His designs for Shakespeare nearly repeat the trick. They feature a sombre palace with defensively studded main doors, a dark glassy sheen to the floor, followed by a bleak midwinter forest in which the huddled exiles crouch freezing beneath bare branches. "Under the Greenwood Tree" is sung in a spirit of irony, and the good duke is patently off his rocker as he burbles about the sweet uses of adversity.

Costumes hint at a blend of historical periods. The court provides Stuart sumptuousness filtered through a 19th-century vision. Once into the woods, all-purpose boots and breeches with the odd exotically eastern waistcoast are the rule, while Rosalind is a modern young man in slacks and shirt.

Not that the visual approach implies universal significance. Despite formative years at that hotbed of committed political theatre, Lancaster's Duke's Playhouse, director Thacker seems more misanthropic than militant. Comment is confined to a rather gloomy view of humanity, without the expected emphasis on injustice or a harsh social system. "This life is most jolly," sing the forest folk bitterly.

There remains Rosalind, the one swallow who makes a summer in this Arden and who almost single-handedly, one feels, engineers the thaw that has draped the set with greenery, nature benignly relenting, after the interval. Kate Buffery is new to the cast. She makes a slim, fine-boned youth, intelligent and sensitive. As yet she lacks the tremulous rapture of incredulous first love, that tightrope between tears and breathless laughter incomparably caught by Geraldine McEwan's production for Renaissance some years ago.

Samantha Bond has moved sideways to Celia: chirpy, almost vulgar, the life and soul of the typing pool but unconvincing royalty even in these days of *déclassé* princesses. Peter de Jersey's Orlando is eagerly engaging. As Jaques, Michael Siberry has abandoned his self-conscious voice beautiful for a creaking snarl suitable for this sylvan bleakness.

The supporting roles are heartenningly well done, from Anthony O'Donnell's contemptuously glaring Touchstone to Audrey and Silvius. However, played straight, this nice young couple lose their joint comedy, his pathos and her cruelty. Still, at least the sun comes out for them.

MARTIN HOYLE

Singing worth a King's ransom

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Collegiate choirs famously preserve a line of tradition stretching back to the golden age of Tallis. But tradition is not necessarily a good thing. This one has tended to spawn musical conservatism, and a breed of singers who in their mature solo careers often keep the closed, over-polite sounds encouraged by some famous choirmasters.

Certainly, under tutelage of Boris Ord and then David Willcocks, the choir of King's College, Cambridge, cultivated a sometimes irritating preciousness. Willcocks's recording of the Palestrina *Missa Brevis* and *Missa Papae Marcelli* in the mid-1970s was one of the worst examples of misguided choir-training. How could music by an Italian, of all nationalities, be made to sound so inhibited?

But times have changed; now, college choirs sing with a good deal more colour, vigour and freshness. Moreover, the college chapel is no longer a no-go area for the very finest contemporary composers. King's made a fine record last year of pieces by Peter Maxwell Davies, including his lovely Mackay Brown setting, *Solstice of Light* (Decca Argo 436 119-2). Now, as part of EMI's British Collection, comes a collection of anthems (EMI CDC 7 54418 2) which, besides some of the best late 19th century and early 20th century pieces such as Charles Wood's *Hail, Gladdening Light* and Herbert Howells's suave *Like as the hart desireth the waterbrook*, includes three rather more recent works, by Jonathan Harvey, Judith Weir and Nicholas Maw.

Harvey's *I love the Lord* is a gem, using the simplest means, underpinned by a mantra-like incantation on a plain, single chord, fanfare progressions and, finally, a lush Poulenc-like sequence of exotic chords to achieve the most touching effect. Weir's *Ascending into heaven* is more adventurous in its harmonic structure, and touched with Weir's usual clarity, while Maw's *One foot in Eden still, I stand* is a lyrical and artful structure, full of contrasting texture and dynamic and typically rich harmony. The entire record shows that Stephen Cleobury has fashioned a well-disciplined but thoroughly musical ensemble.

Meanwhile Decca has been busy reissuing all those old King's recordings of Handel that Willcocks conducted during his reign at King's. Whatever Willcocks's shortcomings in Palestrina and Byrd, in Handel the vigour, colour and drama of the music ignited his imagination. Now the Coronation Anthems and all the other Handel/Willcocks/King's recordings have been reissued on Decca's Ovation label (436 256-2).

Even after reprocessing, the sound, dating from 1963, is inevitably a touch boxy, and much of the pronunciation and closed-throated singing seems highly affected by today's standards. But Willcocks is and has always been a sound musician. He relishes the elegance as well as the grandeur of this music.

The issue also includes three substantial anthems by John Blow. All are masterpieces, often anticipating Handel.

STEPHEN PETTITT



Rhythm with a reason

JAZZ RECORDS

Thirty-odd years ago his albums were sneaking into the pop charts and provoking dark mutterings about cocktail lounge tinkling. Now that passions have cooled, **Ahmad Jamal's** reputation as a cultured descendant of Errol Garner seems rather more secure.

Part of the difficulty is that we are so accustomed to bop pianists who take a linear approach to a solo. Jamal is more interested in creating variations on the melody through ever-changing rhythmic patterns. And he is sometimes so sparing with the notes that it is easy to think that nothing at all is happening.

Chicago Revisited (Telarc CD-83327) contains isolated passages where he slips into self-parody, but when the elements fall into place, he creates a sound that is all his own.

One other reason for welcoming this new live album is that he returns to a purely acoustic format. No electric bass or crashing funk drum solos. His feathery touch is matched by the controlled swing of bassist John Heard and Yoron Israel.

For the modern, high-octane Jamal, turn to *Live In Paris '92* (Birdology 849408-2), recorded seven months earlier with a different line-up. There is some spectacular work here, but some of the subtlety is lost once the players turn up the volume.

In contrast, **Thelonious Monk** and **John Coltrane** are almost drowned out by the chatter of the audience on *Live At The Five Spot* (Blue Note CDP-79978625), a newly discovered 1957 quartet date in New York. From the point of view of collectors, the recording — made on a domestic tape recorder — fills an important gap in the discographies of both Monk and Coltrane. However, the poor sound quality is enough to deter all but the most determined.

CLIVE DAVIS

OPERA: Dublin plays safe with two sure-fire hits by Puccini and Mozart

Cautious fare in the fair city

Madama Butterfly/ Così fan tutte
Gaiety, Dublin

Even Luciano Pavarotti's special relationship with Ireland has not ensured the acceptance of opera as a mainstream activity there. The annual pilgrimage to Wexford is appreciated by the faithful for the exploration of unfamiliar operatic terrain. But in Dublin they have to be more cautious. The decision of Dublin Grand Opera Society/ Opera Ireland to mount Britten's *Peter Grimes* a few seasons ago was rewarded with critical acclaim but poor box-office receipts.

For its spring season this year, DGOS/Opera Ireland is playing safe with two sure-fire hits: Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* and Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, the former a revival of the successful 1990 production by John Lloyd Davies, the latter a new staging by Dieter Kaegi, the Swiss producer.

Kaegi opens his *Così* in and around a quayside café in Naples (the period is modern). While the orchestra plays, Don Alfonso, Guglielmo and Ferrando observe the local nightlife, the philosopher winning a bet with his young friends that two kissing couples will switch loyalties before the evening is out. Then begins the ill-advised test of their own lovers.

The curtain (an elaborate historical print of Vesuvius symbolically erupting) rises to reveal a simple jetty leading to a vast, brilliant blue backdrop (sky meeting sea). A single table remains from the café, perched on a ramp that cleverly extends the tiny stage space by a few yards. Bruno Schwengl's designs are bold and effective.

The momentary embarrassment caused by the back-to-back collision of Ferrando with Fiordiligi, his friend's lover, is a hint of worse confusion to come, and Dorabella's devotion is evidently less rock-like than her sister's as early as "Come scoglio", though Fiordiligi (an assured Mariette Kemmer) temporarily silences all doubters with her aria.

Kaegi's direction is inventive and he gets convincing performances from an uneven cast, efficiently conducted by Simon Joly. Yvona Skvarova's Dorabella is a match for Kemmer, but Paul Whelan's Guglielmo is over-acted and Kip Wilborn's Ferrando compromised by roughness of line and suspect intonation. Eric Roberts and Mary Callan Clarke complete the cast as Alfonso and Despina. The absence of laughter highlights the absurdity of an audience being subjected to those acres of comic dialogue in a language it does not understand.

John Lloyd Davies makes the stage even smaller with his own designs for *Butterfly*: a series of white screens with sliding panels that neatly partition the modest Nagasaki tenement, but which add little in the way of local colour. They do, however, allow for some effective silhouetting (not unlike Graham Vick's ENO production).



Generous-toned: Kudriavchenko

Unlike Vick's Pinkerton, that portrayed by Joseph Wolverton is not a racist brute, but a rather genial serviceman who simply fails to notice, or care, that his geisha loves him to death. Not that Davies is unaware of the dimension of cultural and sexual imperialism — Cio-Cio-San's child is blindfolded with the American flag as she commits suicide — but he chooses to emphasise conflicts of emotion, often powerfully too.

Wolverton's attractive, soft-grained Pinkerton is overwhelmed by Katerina Kudriavchenko's generous-toned and affecting Cio-Cio-San. Victor Ledbetter is an excellent Sharpless, and Stephen Barlow conducts with a fine feeling for both detail and the tidal flow of passion. But it is the infant Carl Brennan who steals the show, punching the air in delight as Goro gets a handbagging from Suzuki.

BARRY MILLINGTON

THE SUNDAY TIMES
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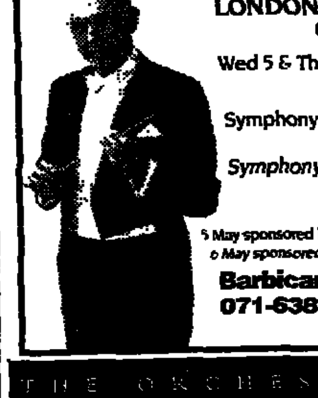
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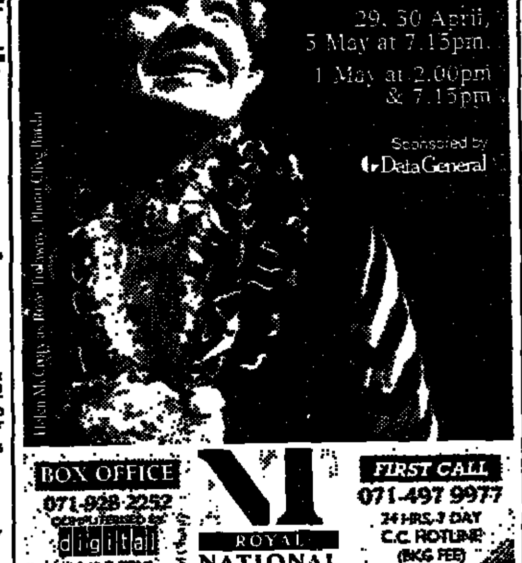
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8.05 The Girl From Tomorrow. Episode one of a 12-part science fiction drama starring Catherine Cullen (r) (8700724)
8.30 The Flintstones. Stone Age cartoon series *(r)* (93231)
9.00 Parallel 9. In the first of a new series of the children's entertainment magazine the guests include Richard Norton, the actor who plays Simon in the Australian soap *Home and Away* (s) (59386)
11.00 World Snooker. *Action in the Embassy world* professional championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield (s) (8444881) **12.12 Weather** (1693540)
12.15 Grandstand *introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is:* **12.20** Boxing: the weigh-in for tonight's heavyweight bout between Frank Bruno and Carl "The Truth" Williams at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham; **12.30** Football Focus. Bob Wilson and Terry Venables reflect on the week's Premier and European Champions' League matches; **1.00** News; **1.05** and **3.00** Ice Hockey: highlights of the *Heineken* championship play-off semi-finals; **1.30** and **4.00** Snooker: the Embassy world professional championship; **2.20** Squash: highlights of the men's and women's finals of the Hi-Tec British Open; ***3.50*** *Football half-times;* ***4.40*** Final Score (95251569). Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland Results
5.15 News and weather (5995279)
5.25 Regional News *and sport (2245540). Wales (until* 6.10): Wales on Saturday
5.30 Cartoon (536637)
5.35 Jim'll Fix It. Sir Jimmy Savile makes dreams come true for children of all ages. (Ceefax) (s) (490347)
6.10 You Rang, M'Lord? The last in the upstairs/downstairs comedy series written by Jimmy Perry and David Croft. (Ceefax) (s) (848960)

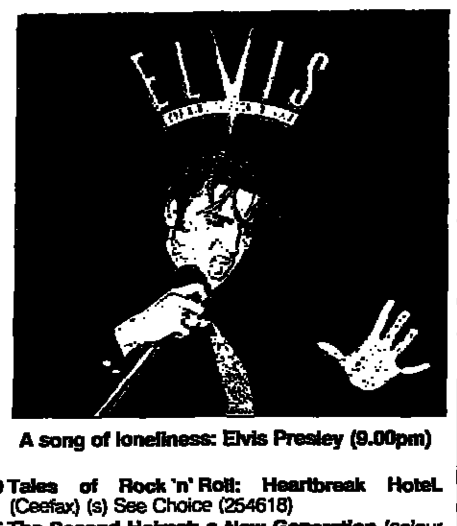


Grizzly holiday: Aykroyd and Candy (7.00pm)

7.00 Film: The Great Outdoors *(1988) starring Dan* Aykroyd and John Candy. Strained comedy about a salesman whose quiet family holiday is ruined by the arrival of a boorish relative and his obnoxious *family expecting to share their lakeside cabin.* Directed by Howard Deutch (24960)
8.30 Birds of a Feather. Tracey finally kicks the nicotine habit thanks to her weekly sessions with a handsome *psychotherapist*. Starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson (r). (Ceefax) (4569)
9.00 Westbeach. Uninvolving drama series about rival business families living in a seaside town in the south of England. (Ceefax) (s) (558811)
9.50 News with Michael Buerk. Sport and weather (570347)
10.10 International Heavyweight Boxing. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the bout between *Britain's Frank Bruno and Carl "The Truth" Williams* of the United States. The commentator at the national Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, is Harry Carpenter (222076)
11.00 Bruce Springsteen Plugged*. The singer recorded* in a 1992 concert in Los Angeles (28347)
12.30am Weather (3569090)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Deer Farming (4167569) **7.05** Maths: Area Games (6698618) **7.30** Living With Technology: Energy (7021076) **8.20** Education: *Measuring Effectiveness (4848231)* ***8.45*** *The Albert* Memorial (2606892) **9.10** Material in Action — Bridges (7989786) **9.35** Electrons and Atoms (3588958) **10.00** *The Thrie Estaitis* by Sir David *Lindsay (7815182)* ***10.25*** *Computers: One Small* Step (7661057) **10.50** The Enlightenment: Angelica Kauffman, RA **11.15** Women, Children and Work (9770347) **12.05** Biology: Hearing the Call *(8207502)* **12.30** *Race, Education and Society:* Languages for Learning (5660298) **12.55** *The Bathers*, by Cézanne and Renoir **1.20** Working with Systems: Managing the Fish Industry (13252881) ***1.45*** *Technology: The March of Aluminium* (18461927) **2.10** Environment. Living with Drought (1832724)
3.00 Film: Madame X (1966) starring Lana Turner, Keir *Dullea and John Forsythe. Handsome but creaky re-*make of the soaper about a lawyer defending a *woman on a charge of murder*, unaware that she is his long-lost mother. Directed by David Lowell Rich *(26258540). Wales: Llanelli v Swansea*
4.35 World Snooker. Second round highlights and live action from the Embassy world professional championship, introduced by David Vine from the *Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. The commentators are* Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton (s) (37277521). Wales: 5.40 Jim'll Fix It
6.15 Scrutiny. Do House of Commons select *committees deserve their reputation for power and* influence? Huw Edwards talks to Lord Parkinson, Gerald Kaufman and Richard Caborn. Plus John Gummer and Lady Seear discussing the ordination *of women. (Ceefax) (486521)*
6.45 News with Moira Stuart, sport and weather (907809)
7.00 Fast Rewind. The Royal Television Society's Sir Huw Wheldon annual memorial lecture given by Siân Phillips before an invited audience at the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, Cardiff (437298)
7.50 World Snooker. The opening frames of the evening session, introduced by David Vine (s) (273328)
8.30 Have I Got News For You. Irreverent news quiz *hosted by Angus Deayton. This week Ian Hislop and* Paul Merton are joined by Fiona Armstrong and Chris Evans *(r)* (s) (5811)



A song of loneliness: Elvis Presley (9.00pm)

9.00 Tales of Rock 'n' Roll: Heartbreak Hotel. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (254618)
9.35 The Second Heimat: a New Generation (colour *and b/w) (s) See Choice* (622182)
11.35 World Snooker. Highlights (775434). Ends at **1.30**

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CHOICE



Murder hunt: Alfred Molina, centre (ITV, 9.50pm)

The Marshal
ITV, 9.50pm

A detective who depends more on local feel than sudden inspiration has the public prosecutor breathing down his neck as he investigates the murder of a mad old woman in the poor district of a continental city. It could easily be an episode of *Maigret* except that we are in Florence, not Paris, and the cop is called Salvatore. Played by the excellent Alfred Molina with dark glasses and generous *stubble*, Salva is a bit of a plodder. Much of the time he seems half asleep. But with Maigret-like persistence he digs into the murdered woman's past and gradually pieces together the reasons for her death. *Adapted from her* novel by Magdalen Nabb. *The Marshal* is decently acted, good to look at but rather long.

Arena: Tales of Rock 'n' Roll
BBC2, 9.00pm

This week's story-behind-the-song concerns Elvis Presley's 1956 hit, "Heartbreak Hotel". It became a million seller, transforming Elvis from a *little*-known local singer to a national and international star. The inspiration for the song was a newspaper cutting about a man committing suicide in a Miami hotel. The film *suggests that the pain and loneliness of "Heartbreak* Hotel" became the theme of Presley's own life and possibly hastened his early death. The idea gets endorsement from Presley's friends and former wife. *But the claim that* Elvis, like the man in Miami, took his own life is given short shrift.

The Hairdresser's Husband
Channel 4, 10.35pm

A season featuring the pick of recent international cinema opens with this French story of a middle-aged man who fulfils his childhood dream of marrying a hairdresser. Jean Rochefort is excellent as the obsessed husband and Anna Galiena equally effective as his elegant younger wife. But the film is very much the personal creation of its writer-director Patrice Leconte. He manages the trick, common in the French cinema but rare elsewhere, of handling eroticism without prurience and sustaining a narrative that is light and witty on the surface but carries darker undertones. Exquisitely photographed, the film may be a little *stronger on style than substance but it is suffused with* a beguilingly delicate charm.

The Second Heimat: a New Generation
BBC2, 9.35pm

As Edgar Reitz's 26-hour epic moves into episode two the impression is growing that in contrast to the original *Heimat* the emphasis is more personal than political. *This could be mistaken. As Reitz is a master* at using private stories to illuminate public ones it is hard to think he will not eventually do so here. Meanwhile the focus remains on young Hermann *(Henry Arnold). his progress among the artistic set of* 1960s Munich, his loves and his friendships. As always with Reitz a flair for story-telling means there is no difficulty filling the vast canvas. The narrative unfolds like that of a Victorian novel, *impeccably* structured and full of detailed observation of place, period and character. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7552637)
9.25 What's Up Doc? presented by Yvette Fielding, Pat Sharp and Andy Crane. The young people's show includes a lesson from Roy Dyer on keeping dogs under control, news from *the Save the Rhino* runners in last Sunday's London marathon and a chance to win a walk-on part in the next series of *Baywatch* (s) (17536724)
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Video *Vault features* Beats International *(r)* (s) (19811)
12.30 Speakeasy. Television teenage problem page presented by Emma Forbes and Dr Mark Salter. The guest is Mark Owen from the pop group *Take That* (s) (40637)
1.00 News and weather (13603453) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (13602724)
1.10 Movies, Movies, Movies. Film reviews (17205434)
1.40 Film: Chips, The War Dog (1990). The first of a three-part Disney story, based on fact, about a playful young alsatian which finds itself drafted into the US Army during the second world war. It is assigned to a handler who is scared of dogs. Starring Brandon Douglas and William Devane. Directed by Ed Kaplan (18449705)
2.10 Hard Time on Planet Earth. Comedy series about an alien serving a sentence on Earth, starring Martin Kove (1828250)
3.00 Davy Crockett. Western adventures starring Tim Dunigan (3483250)
3.55 WCW Worldwide Wrestling (1041873)
4.40 News, sport and weather (6518163) **5.00 London Tonight** (Teletext) and sport (5985892)
5.10 Disney Cartoon Time (9589434)

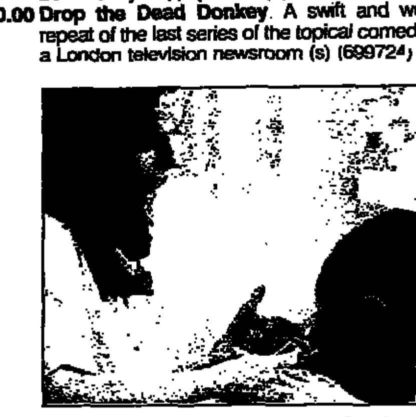


Midas touch: Sean Connery as Bond (5.30pm)

5.30 Film: Goldfinger (1964) starring Sean Connery, Honor Blackman and Gert Frobe. In one of the best *James Bond adventures, agent 007 comes up* against the power-crazed Auric Goldfinger and his manservant Oddjob (Harold Sakata) who possesses a lethal bowler hat. Directed by Guy Hamilton (50927)
7.30 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents a compilation of home video howlers (s) (347)
8.00 The Bill: Give 'Em an Inch. When a small, peaceful demonstration is hijacked by racist thugs, Chief Inspector Cato (Philip Whitchurch) clashes with PC Stamp (Graham Cole). (Teletext) (3142)
8.30 London's Burning. An episode from the second series of the fire brigade drama set in London (r). (Teletext) (23499)
9.30 News and weather (585279)
9.50 The Marshal. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (615892)
11.50 The Big Fight. The WBA super-middleweight bout between Michael Nunn of the United States, defending his title for the third time, and Britain's Crawford Ashley. The commentator in Memphis, Tennessee, is Reg Gutteridge (589328)
12.35am Miller and Mueller. Houston-based policewomen drama series (2757835)
1.35 The Big E. Magazine series for young Europeans (s) (4650458)
2.40 Basketball. News *and highlights from the American* NBA league (9262800)
3.35 The New Music. Includes a report on the Canadian beat scene and an interview with rap band Living Colour (5426831)
4.35 BPM. The latest dance music (s) (7945767)
5.30 ITN Morning News (38877). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Animation (r) (s) (1008960) ***6.25 Spiff and Hercules***. Cat and mouse cartoon (9517521) **6.35 Alfred J. Kwak**. Adventures of a musical duck (4137328) **7.00 Paddington** (4002231) **7.05 Kid 'n' Play** (r) (4700637) **7.35 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice** (r) (7918453)
8.00 Betty's Bunch. Drama from New Zealand about a group of foster children (r) (27298)
8.30 World Tennis. The fourth of a 12-part magazine series (26569)
9.00 News summary (3397434) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (3186453)
10.00 Trans World Sport *(28076)*
11.00 Gazetta Football Italia. A preview of tomorrow's big games in the Italian league including the televised match between Juventus and Fiorentina (31540)
12.00 Sign On: At Leisure presented by Carolyn Edwards. Includes advice from a deaf *aromatherapist* on relieving aches and pains; and *deaf storyteller* recreating the conflicts of the second world war (97057)
12.30 Raag Rung. Last in the classical Indian music *series (r)* (48279)
1.00 Film: Stowaway (1936, b/w). A Shirley Temple musical about a little girl orphaned in China who stows away on an ocean liner and helps save a *marriage that has foundered. With* Robert Young and Alice Faye. Directed by William A. Seiter (50551873)
2.40 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown. Brough Scott *introduces live coverage* of the 2.55, 3.30, 4.05 (Whitbread Gold Cup) and 4.40 races (15941163)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (9165927)
6.30 Right to Reply *presented by* Sheena McDonald. An investigation into the rights of people who are filmed secretly. Among the programmes targeted are two editions of *World in Action* and the *Cutting Edge* film *Undercover*. (Teletext) (s) (705)
7.00 A Week In Politics presented by Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley. Includes reports on the debate over whether or not to intervene in Bosnia, John Patten's problems in education and the latest on Maastricht. Plus a look at *the European* complexities surrounding the running of abattoirs. (1973)
8.00 Adventures: The Logan Run. The story of a three-*man expedition to Mount Logan in the bleak* northern Yukon, re-tracing a trip first undertaken in 1925 (r). (Teletext) (6873)
9.00 The Beiderbecke Affair. Episode four of the six-part comedy drama starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (r). (Teletext) (6637)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. A swift and welcome repeat of the last series of the *topical* comedy set in a London television newsroom (s) (699724)



Style: Anna Galiena, Jean Rochefort (10.35pm)

10.35 Film: The Hairdresser's Husband (1992). See Choice (7532618)
12.05am Evening Shade. Small-town America comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (2077583)
12.35 Harp in the South. Episode two of the six-part *drama about an Irish-Australian family in the post-*second world war years. Starring Gwen Plumb and Anna Hruby (r) (2755477). Ends at **1.35**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (76298) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (45279) **7.00** Fun Factory (7561796) **12.00** WWF Superstars (83366) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (89786) **2.00** *The Addams Family (7298)* ***2.30*** *The Facts of Life (6298)* **3.00** Cartoons (74144) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (93279) **5.00** WWF Mania (7057) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (72250) **7.00** Class of '96 (19705) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (28453) **9.00** Cops I (82163) **9.30** Cops II (64095) **10.00** WWF Mania (18076) **11.00** Entertainment This Week (76637) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (67540) **6.30** News and Business Report (183540) **9.30** Nightline (68057) **10.00** Dayline (27873) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (60927) **11.00** Dayline (94499) **11.30** Getaway (40705) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (48569) **1.30** The Reporters (49298) **2.30** Nightline (88724) ***3.30*** *Those Were The Days (68611)* ***4.30*** Getaway (4076) **5.00** Live at Five (54637) **6.30** Fashion TV (63415) **7.30** Boutros Ghali Interview (5705) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (41434) **10.30** Boutros Ghali *Interview (69618)* ***11.30*** *Fashion TV (55927)* **12.30am** Getaway (73941) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (42854) **2.30** Fashion TV (49816) **3.30** Target (44361) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (82106) ***5.30-6.00*** *The Reporters (75899)*

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (89960)
8.00 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (1989): Drama about the life in exile of Dickens's fugitive Magwitch (44540)
10.00 Lonely in America (1990): Ranjit Chowdry plays an Indian in New York (75347)
12.00 Kiss Shot (1989). Single mother Whoopi Goldberg plays pool (34163)
2.00pm One Against the Wind (1991): Judy Davis stars as the second world war *heroine Mary Lindell (11148)*
4.00 The Freshman (1990): Comedy starring Matthew Broderick (2989)
6.00 Born to Ride (1991): John Stamos trains the American cavalry to ride motorcycles *instead of horses (12892)*
8.00 Black Eagle (1988): Martial arts thriller with Jean-Claude Van Damme (24637)
10.00 Year of the Gun (1991): Andrew McCarthy and Sharon Stone investigate the *Italian Red Brigade (297811)*
11.55 Supervixens (1975): Adult comedy directed by Russ Meyer (209076)
1.45am The Octagon (1980): Chuck Norris infiltrates a ninja organisation (996039)
3.25 Loose Screws (1985): Comedy sequel to *Screwballs* (851106)
5.00 Abby My Love (1989): A girl suffers sexual abuse (2796309). Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.15pm The Beast with Five Fingers (1946, *b/w*): Peter Lorre is menaced by a musician's severed hand (110521)
5.45 David Copperfield (1935, b/w): *Dickens's classic (89482908)*
8.00 Police Academy (1984): Comedy starring Steve Guttenburg (35121453)
9.55 Body Heat (1981): Kathleen Turner persuades William Hurt to murder her *husband* (379889) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Lions for Breakfast (1976): Three men camp overnight in a safari park (87502)
8.00 Dot and the Koala *(6820163)* ***9.15 Dot and the Kangaroo*** (4942502): Animation
10.35 I Wanna Hold Your Hand (1978): Teenagers obtain tickets to watch the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show (58628502)
12.20pm My Son John (1952): Helen Hayes and Dean Jagger suspect that their son is a communist (86692540)
2.25 Ishtar (1987): Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman star as two inept singer-songwriters (E99347)
4.15 Stepping Out (1991). Liza Minnelli plays a tap-dance teacher (17386499)
6.05 Courage of Lassie (1946, b/w): Elizabeth Taylor attempts to train the famous collie (31658637)
8.00 City Slickers *(1991): Billy Crystal*, Daniel Stern and Bruno Kirby embark on a cattle drive with Jack Palance (22279)
10.00 The Russia House (1990): John le Carré spy thriller starring Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer (10383366)
12.05am Q & A (1990) Timothy Hutton investigates Nick Nolte (97373800)
2.20 White Nights (1985) Mikhail Baryshnikov tries to defect (3223409C)
4.40 Nightmare on the 13th Floor (1990): Michele Greene investigates the disappearance of hotel guests (2229651). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Netbusters (78521) **7.00** The Big League (39627786) **9.15** Golf (25523811) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (95786) **12.00** Fishing (45601) **12.30pm** Sports Special (54453) **1.00** Sports Saturday (4483502) **6.00** Motor Sport (39144) **7.00** Bull Riders (44415) **8.00** US PGA Golf (548328) **11.00** Muscle Night (16279) **12.00** Ringside (91212) **2.00-2.30am** Fishing (89699)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (77714) **8.00** Motorsport (76873) **9.00** Motorcycling *(18163)* **9.30** *Basketball (45705)* **10.00** Ice Hockey (65569) **12.00** San Marino Grand Prix (35328) **1.00pm** Boxing (7191182) **1.45** Cycling (8480076) **2.30** Ice Hockey (882076) **5.00** Cycling (7453) **6.00** Golf: Catalan Open (57540) **7.00** Ice Hockey (324540) **9.30** Boxing (72057) **11.30-1.00am** San Marino Grand Prix (85163)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (12372076) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (12360231) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (6819182) **7.00** Chocky's Children (3561182) **7.30** Owl TV (3557989) **8.00** Lassie (1996618) **8.30** *Rentaghost (1995989)* ***9.00*** *The Raccoons* (1919569) **9.30** Bucky O'Hare (9324724) **10.00** Jem (6800434) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (1908453) **11.00** Film: Secret Mission (1942, b/w) (50142434) **12.35pm** Film: The Spider and the Fly (1949, b/w) (12769076) **2.15** Bless This House (3464618) **2.45** EastEnders (11529908) **5.30** The Chronicles of Narnia (2798105) **6.00** A Dorothy L Sayers Mystery (9303231) **7.00** Bless This House (7056724) **7.30** Streets Apart (5043273) **8.00** Bergerac (9364434) **9.00** Who Pays the Ferryman? (9384298) **10.00** Film: Fever Pitch (1985) starring Ryan O'Neal (9638328) **11.45** KYTV (2296540) **12.15am** Mornin' Sarge (3119105) **12.45-2.00** *In Concert: The Eurythmics (34247729)*

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (14291) **7.00** Storybreak (71705) **7.30** Kaboodle *(83540)* ***8.00*** *Cartoon Classics (40786)* ***8.30*** RatKan II (361366) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (76540) **12.00** Dungeons and Dragons (43973) **12.30pm** Bravestarr (94095) **1.00** Pugwall's Summer (82260) **2.00** Wildabout (2540) **2.30** The Barkleys (1724) **3.00** The Guys Next Door (8439279) **3.35** Round the Twist (3124873) **4.00** Electric Stringvest (66163) **5.00** Film: Just Us (3892) **5.30** Fifteen (5540) **6.00-7.00** Fame (79786)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (40637) **1.10** Wrestling (9013960) **2.00** The A-Team (7318724) **2.55-4.40** Film: Big Bob Johnson and his *Fantastic Speed Circus (73688144)* ***5.00-*** **5.10** Anglia News (5985892) **12.35** Film: A Little Game (4469380) **2.00** Hollywood Report (44903) **2.30** BPM (79458) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (74903) **4.30-5.30** The *Big E (24922)*

BORDER

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (40637) **1.10** Granada Sport: Kick Off (9013960) **2.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (56984732) **5.00-5.10** Border News (5985892) **12.35** Film: A Little Game (4469380) **2.00** Hollywood Report (44903) **2.30** BPM (79458) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (74903) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (24922)

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (40637) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (6377328) **2.10** Film: Spooner (1829250) **3.00** The A-Team (3483250) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (1041873) **5.00** Central News (2228873) **5.05** The Central Match — Goals Extra (5984163) **5.15-5.30** Cartoon Time (5904927) **12.35** Film: Raw Courage (150632) ***2.15*** *Shannon's Deal (5009125)* **3.10** America's Top Ten (95812699) **3.40** Film: Panache (2264361) **4.55** Jobfinder *(14629498)* ***5.20-5.30*** *Asian Eye (6917903)*

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (40637) **1.10** Granada *Sport: Kick Off (9013960)* **2.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (56984732) **5.00** Granada News (9583250) **5.20-5.30** Cartoon Time (2239989) **12.35** Film: A Little Game (4469380) **2.00** Hollywood Report (44903) **2.30** *BPM (79458)* **3.30** The Little Picture Show (74903) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (24922)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, *Movies, Movies (40637)* **1.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (6377328) **2.10** Get Wet (26237057) **2.40-4.40** Film: The Theft of the Mona Lisa (27260347) **5.00-5.10** HTV West News and Sport (5985892) **12.35** Film: A Little Game (4469380) **2.00** Hollywood Report (44903) **2.30** BPM (79458) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (74903) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (24922)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.00-5.10 HTV Wales News And Sport

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30-1.00 The Munsters Today (40637) **1.05** Meridian News (13602724) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (17205434) **1.40** Film: Scott of the Antarctic (28656237) **3.45** Cartoon (8821250) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (1041873) **5.00** Meridian News (2228873) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2227144) **12.35** The Big E (2769670) **1.30** Film: Sky Pirates (432274) **3.10-4.30** Basketball (9574729)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (40637) **1.10** The A-Team (8251057) **2.05** Film: Salvage (323692) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (2832540) **5.00** Tyne Tees Saturday (9509298) **5.15-5.30** Cartoon (5904927) **12.35** On Location With Heartbeat (4430125) **1.05** Coach (3570106) **1.35** The Law and Harry McGraw (8193816) **2.30** BPM (79458) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (74903) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (24922)

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (40637) **1.10** Saturday Sport (13609637) **1.20** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (17202347) **1.50** Transworld Sport (11909095) **2.50** The A-Team (7899182) **3.45** Cartoon (8821250) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (1041873) **5.00** UTV Live (2228873) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2227144) **12.35** Film: A Little Game (4469380) **2.00** Hollywood Report (44903) **2.30** BPM (79458) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (74903) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (24922)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (40637) **1.10** Film: Running Out (97810809) ***3.15*** *The Munsters Today* (871540) **3.45-4.40** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (2832540) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (5985892) **12.35** Film: A Little Game (4469380) **2.00** Hollywood Report (44903) **2.30** BPM (79458) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (74903) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (24922)

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Starts: 7.00 Paddington (4002231) **7.05** Kid 'n' Play (4700637) **7.35** King Arthur and the Knights of Justice (7918453) **8.00** Betty's Bunch (27298) **8.30** World Tennis (26569) **9.00** News (3397434) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (3186453) **10.00** Trans World Sport (28076) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia — With Paul Gascoigne (31540) **12.00** Sign On (97057) **12.30** The Wonder Years (48279) **1.00** Film: Old Lace (29557273) **1.20** Rygbi. Cwpan S.W.A.L.E.C. 1993 (93673057) **3.10** Channel 4 Racing (36410521) **5.05** Brookside (9165927) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (659347) **6.35** Now You're Talking (137415) **7.00** News (565569) **7.20** Traed Oer (934540) **7.50** Yn Dy Ddwble (804095) **8.20** Tocyn Tymor (5556960) **9.30** Europe Express (28415) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (699724) **10.35** Film: The Hairdresser's Husband (7532618) **12.05** Elvis '56 (2994564) **1.15** Close

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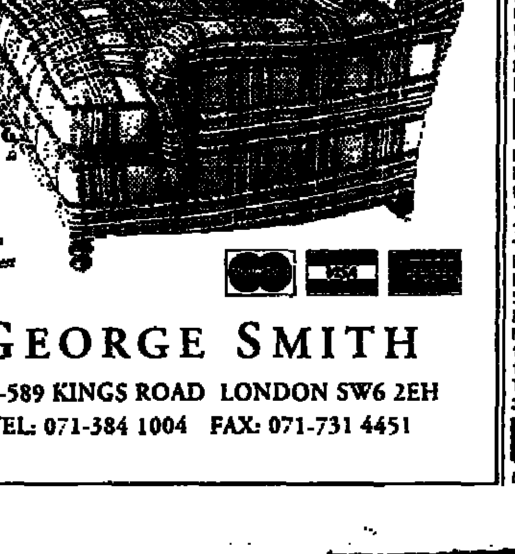
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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** David Bowie Story **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show presented by Alan Freeman **7.30** In Concert: James, recorded at the Town and Country Club **8.30** Loose Talk **9.00** Andy Kershaw: Dennis Bovell and Desmali in session **11.00** John Peel (**FM** only from **12.00**) with Neclanno No 9 **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The News Huddlines (r) **2.00** Chris Stuart: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Eve Pollard talks to Jackie Collins **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show **7.00** As Time Goes By: Malcolm Laycock presents classic songs **7.30** The Musical World of Raymond Cohen: Easy listening chamber and orchestral works **8.50** It's All For You: Forthcoming musical highlights on Radio 2 **9.00** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Chris Stuart (r) **1.00-4.00** John Tonrd with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Noon**. **6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy **11.00** Go! Ross King's guest is Henry Cooper **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five: Football: Division One; Rugby Union: Courage and Heineken Leagues; Racing from Sandown; Classic trial and Whitbread Gold Cup **5.00** Sports Report **6.05** So-O-So **7.30** Afrocoop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** The Big Fight: Frank Bruno v Carl "The Truth" Williams from the NEC, Birmingham **11.05** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People And Politics **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Printer's Devil **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.01** *Breakfast of Champions* **8.15** *The Making of the Middle East* **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week: Venus and Adonis **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** *Indians Abroad* **4.00** *News* **4.10** *News About Britain* **4.15** *Sports Roundup*

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** CD Countdown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera: Puccini's *La Bohème* **10.00** Six of the Best with Quentin Howard **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Ernst Gombrich on Art History
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Ginastera (Dances, Estancia: New World Symphony under Michael Tilson Thomas); Franck (Grande pièce symphonique, Op 17: Kare Nordstoga, organ); Haydn (The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross — excerpt: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Riccardo Muti); Dvořák (Symphony No 7 in D minor: Oslo PO under Mariss Jansons); D'Indy (Trio en forme de suite No 2: Jacques Prat, violin, Emmanuel Gaugué, cello, Kun Woo Paik, piano) **9.00 News**
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library**: Shostakovich (Symphony No 4); new records of music for chorus and orchestra by Elgar, Debussy, Nielsen, Bartók, Weill and Prokofiev. **10.35 Record Release**: Nielsen (Aladdin, Act 3. Danish National Radio Chamber Choir and Orchestra), Debussy (Le martyre de St Sébastien — excerpts: London Symphony Chorus and Orchestra); **11.25** Jeremy Siepmann with piano reissues; **12.30pm** Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 111: Solomon) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Schubert's Piano Sonatas: Andras Schiff plays Sonata in C, D279; *Sonata in A minor*, D784; Sonata in D, D850. Including at **1.50** Interval Reading
2.40 Leonard Bernstein: The second in a ten-part series exploring Bernstein's legacy as a composer, conductor and pianist. Beethoven (String Quartet in C sharp minor, Op 131 — version for string orchestra: Vienna PO); Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: The arts programme considers new writing for the theatre, including *The Treatment* by Martin Crimp at the Royal Court and *Love Song for Ulster* by Bill Morrison at the Tricycle
6.30 The Arensky Suites: Stephen Coombs and Ian Munro, pianos, perform Arensky (Suite No 1, Op 15); Glière (Six Pieces, Op 41, Nos 1-3); Arensky (Suite No 2, Op 23, Silhouettes)
7.10 The Queen of Spades: Live from the London Coliseum. David Pountney's production of Tchaikovsky's opera, based on Pushkin's novella. English National Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Sian Edwards perform Act 1. With Graeme Matheson-Bruce as Hermann and Janice Cairns as Lisa. **9.20** Changing Views of Pushkin. Professor Anthony Briggs talks to Julian Hale (r). **8.35** Act 2 **9.30** David Pountney discusses his production with David Nice. **9.45** Act 3
10.30 Jack DeJohnette's Special Edition: Ian Carr introduces a recording of the American drummer in concert at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham. With Benny Maupin, saxophones/bass clarinet, Gary Thomas, tenor saxophone/flute, Michael Cain, keyboards, and Lonnie Plaxico, bass. DeJohnette (Earthwork, Silver hollow; Where or when; Blue; Two guitar chat; Miles)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week: Richard Sanders investigates the National Farmers' Union **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway reports on battlefield tours
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin, Annabel Giles, Craig Ferguson and John Hegley
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Michael White
11.30 Europhile: Gordon Clough presents the last programme in the series
12.00 Money Box, presented by Alison Mitchell
12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took puts the questions to team captains Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren and guests **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? *Nick Clarke* is joined in Morpeth, Northumberland, by Jeremy Beecham, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities; MPs Chris Mullen and David Willetts; and Ruth Deech, principal, St Anne's College, Oxford (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: Going Under. Lydia Chukovskaya's love story set in Stalinist Russia. With Annette Crosbie and Graham Crowden (r)
3.45 Stephen Pile Investigates: Is There Life After Fleet Street? (r)
4.00 News; Ice Cream to Eskimos: Three advertising agencies in Birmingham continue to tackle some awkward accounts. Presented *by Marcus Leigh*
4.30 Science Now (r)
5.00 The Living World: The Ythan estuary near Aberdeen
5.25 Tea Junction with Patrick *Hannan* **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and **Sports Round-up**
6.25 Week Ending (r)
6.50 Ad Lib: See Choice
7.20 Kaleidoscope. After Henry — Sculpture in Public Places. Tim Marlow considers the legacy of Henry Moore, and asks whether public art is a necessary part of urban space regeneration
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Knox Bay. Elspeth Sandys's play takes place in a small *New Zealand community in* 1952. The arrival of a new teacher causes a stir, culminating in a charge of *improper behaviour* with a pupil. With Michael McGrath and Federay Holmes
9.20 Music in Mind. Brian Kay presents favourite melodies
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Trivia Test Match, umpired by Brian Johnston. Taking the crease: Tim Rice and Willie Rushton, with Rachel Heyhoe Flint and Paul Merton (r)
10.45 Rich Pickings: Lovers. The final programme in which Derek Jacobi and Haydn Gwynne read poetry and prose about relationships
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with members of the London Salon Ensemble (r)
11.30 Dracula (r). See Choice
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Ad Lib. *Radio 4, 6.50pm.*
Initially, Robert Robinson feigns an untypical diffidence at being hemmed in by professional philosophers whom, characteristically, he *thinks of as beings who lounge* "on the tundras of logic and consequence". But we all know that he is no intellectual slouch himself, and we suspect he knows it, too. Which is why, before long, he is arguing points with the best of them. In any case, he admits to being a philosophical "groupie". *In earlier editions of Ad Lib* he was noticeably less sensitively tuned in to nannies, gamekeepers and long-distance lorry drivers.

Dracula. *Radio 4, 11.30pm.*
These past few Saturday nights, Radio 4 listeners with a nervous disposition will have gone to bed with the unsettling feeling that something unpleasant is lurking in the dark of a doorway. Nick *McCarty's serialisation of Stoker's* vampire thriller tonight reaches episode three. This dramatisation, and not Francis Ford Coppola's new film, can truthfully be called Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, even though the count rarely appears. **Peter Davalle**

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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (36125)
7.30 Opposites Attract. Children's wildlife series with Derek Griffiths (r) (s)(4055767) **7.40 Charlie Chalk** (r) (4035903) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (s) (5429651)
8.15 Breakfast With Frost. News and weather followed by interviews with newsmakers of the week (832922)
9.15 In Touch With Healing. Mike Wooldridge looks at *the growing interest in healing* (r) (1320361)
9.30 This Is The Day Goes Coast To Coast Judy Merry travels from St Bees Head to Robin Hood's Bay. *Today she stops* at Grasmere (s) (55699)
10.00 See Hear! (s) (98477)
10.30 Deutschland Heute. German television coverage *of current events* (6205309)
10.45 Italianissimo. Italian language (r) (6293564)
11.00 Work Is A Four Letter Word. Using the telephone *(r)* (6583)
11.30 Business Matters: The Swan Challenge. Managers accompany polar explorer Robert Swan *to Snowdonia (r) (Ceefax)* (7212)
12.00 A Cook's Tour Of France: Atlantic Coast. Mireille Johnston presents the cuisine of France's western *seaboard* (r) *(Ceefax)* (s) (91903)
12.30 CountryFile looks at environmental questions posed by wind-powered electricity generation. **Weather** for the week at **12.55** (26187)
1.00 News (13652729)
1.05 On the Record. Jonathan Dimbleby interviews Chris Patten (8236748)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus (r) (Ceefax) (s) (99106)
3.00 Film: Operation Crossbow (1965). George Peppard, Trevor Howard and John Mills head an all-star cast in a standard war yarn about Allied agents trying to destroy a German V2 factory. *Directed by* Michael Anderson (Ceefax) (36481019)
4.50 Biteback. Sue Lawley hosts the monthly right-to-reply show (Ceefax) (s) (4107545)
5.35 Masterchef. Amateur cooks' competition (583632)
6.10 News with Jenny Bond (Ceefax) **Weather** (340903)
6.25 Praise Be! Thora Hird introduces popular hymns and visits Ilkley Moor (Ceefax) (s) (840564)
7.00 Last Of The Summer Wine. Foggy has an idea for bringing the pleasure back into climbing hills. Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde star in Roy Clarke's perennial comedy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8106)



Suspect: surgeon David Rintoul (7.30pm)

7.30 The Alleyn Mysteries: The Nursing Home Murder. Foul play is suspected when a politician dies after an operation. Patrick Malahide stars. With David Rintoul. (Ceefax) (s) (92803057)
9.10 A Year In Provence. The Mayles find out about the grape harvest (Ceefax) (s) (985467)
9.45 News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax) **Weather** (956854)
10.00 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson hosts the second semi-final from Huddersfield. Specialist subjects are Damon Runyon, the fall of the Western *Roman Empire, the Manhattan Project,* and Joseph Chamberlain (s) (92632)
10.30 Everyman: Two World Wars and One World Cup. *British attitudes to Germany (Ceefax) (207038)*
11.10 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales. Painting-on-glass animation of *Hamlet* narrated by Michael Kitchen *(r) (Ceefax) (s) (775019)*
11.35 Cats. Pedigree varieties (r) (276458)
12.05am Weather (5101171)

BBC2

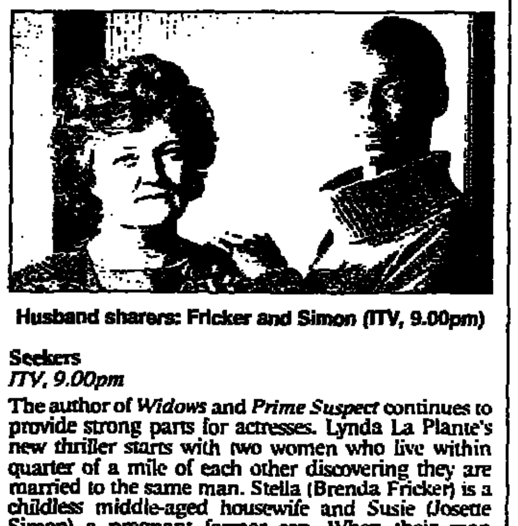
6.15 Open University: *Cyanide, Crystals and Co-ordination* (1085019) **6.40** Maths: Coping with Irrationality (4127941) **7.05** Engineering Mechanics: *Work and Energy (6658090)* **7.30** *The Social Impact* of Rapid Industrialisation (7968458) **7.55** *The Three Estates* by Sir David Lindsay (5418545) **8.20** *Carmel, A Jewish Public School* (4815903) **8.45** Race, Education and Society: Languages for Learning (2673564)
9.10 Thundercats *(r) (3359274)* **9.30 Jonny Briggs** (r) (2306651) **9.45 The Movie Game** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5988534) **10.10 Rugrats** (s) (7633274)
10.35 Grange Hill. Fourth episode in the re-run of the original series of the school drama (r) (1654187) **11.00 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) (s) (6809835) **11.50 The O-Zone.** Pop music (s) (9868800)
12.00 Regional Parliamentary Programmes (99545). Wales: First Sight; Northern Ireland: Duil Sa Dulra 12.15 Start Your Own Religion
12.30 Sunday Grandstand presented by Steve Rider. Items scheduled (subject to alteration) are: **12.35** Motor Racing: the San Marino grand prix, **2.40** and **3.50** Ice Hockey: the Heineken championship play-off final, **3.00** and **4.30** Snooker: action from the second round of the Embassy world professional championship (s) (23360583). Northern Ireland: final of the First Trust Ulster senior cup; Wales: *Rugby Special Wales*
5.10 Rugby Special. Highlights from matches in the final weekend of this season's Courage League, as *promotion and relegation places are decided* (s) (3406941)
6.10 Natural World: Secrets of the Golden River. *Brazil's Rio Negro is one of the world's great* unspoilt rivers. Its dark brown waters teem with wildlife and when it floods, pink dolphins swim *among the treetops (Ceefax) (s) (960767)*
7.00 The Money Programme: A House Divided. Moves to sell out at the Clark's shoe company in Somerset, *until now run by the descendants of its* 19th-century Quaker founders, have led to a family *feud and a clash of managerial values* (975019)
7.40 The Nineties: All Your Kisses Are Mine. Three women in their nineties describe how they overcame prejudice against unmarried women establishing careers (Ceefax) (s) (384019)
8.20 Grand Prix. Highlights of the day's Formula One motor racing from San Marino (252106)
8.55 World Snooker. Further action from today's second round matches in the World Championship at Sheffield (s) (398632)


Riot snapshots: reporter Bob Tur (9.30pm)

9.30 LA: Stories From the Eye of the Storm. (Ceefax) See Choice (82608729)
11.45 World Snooker. Highlights from today's play at Sheffield (s) (776309). Ends at **1.30am**

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CHOICE


Husband sharers: Fricker and Simon (ITV, 9.00pm)

Seekers
ITV, 9.00pm

The author of *Widows* and *Prime Suspect* continues to provide strong parts for actresses. Lynda La Plante's new thriller starts with two women who live within quarter of a mile of each other discovering they are married to the same man. Stella (Brenda Fricker) is a childless middle-aged housewife and Susie (Josette Simon) a pregnant former cop. When their man disappears the pair are thrown reluctantly together and find themselves embroiled in far more than a bigamy case. With two two-hours of screen time to fill, the drama needs plenty of ramifications and La Plante has no difficulty providing them, in a cunning narrative which involves a switched corpse, a missing computer disk and two wonderfully nasty heavies.

LA: Stories from the Eye of the Storm
BBC2, 9.30pm

A two-hour-plus documentary on the aftermath of the Los Angeles riots may sound forbidding but it holds *the attention all the way. The bright idea was to get ten citizens to make video diaries of their lives over the year* since the violence. The contributors, chosen as a rough cross section, include two police officers, a woman surgeon, a Korean entrepreneur, two reporters and a 12-year-old black boy from the heart of gangland. Smoothly interwoven, their stories give a gritty and often disturbing picture of a city that continues to defy the ideals of social harmony and equal chances for all. Asians who work hard have their stores set alight, young blacks drift hopelessly into crime and demoralised teachers face a 12 per cent pay cut.

Defenders of the Wild: Ocean Raider
Channel 4, 7.00pm

Paul Watson is a modern pirate, sailing the high seas under the emblem of the skull and crossbones. His methods are ramming, intimidation and sabotage, anything short of endangering human life. His aim is to stop the killing of whales, dolphins and other marine wildlife. An American founder member of Greenpeace, Watson and his band of vigilantes have been waging war since 1978. A Norwegian whaler calls him a terrorist. The film follows an expedition into the Pacific Ocean to take on Japanese drift nets. Cobbled together from other people's left-overs, Watson's fleet is hardly in the vanguard of naval technology. But win or lose, he is satisfied if he can provoke an international incident. He usually does.

Very Jean Muir
Channel 4, 8.00pm

She dresses, according to Sir Roy Strong, like a Neopolitan widow and has the voice of a demented corncrake. He also says that Jean Muir is enchanting. Other tributes in a generally flattering profile come from Joanna Lumley, a former Muir model, and the artist Bridget Riley. The veteran fashion designer is praised for her discipline and taste and lack of self-advertisement. Muir calls herself a pragmatist: "There is no point is making clothes that nobody can wear". The programme, the first of three, is built around *Muir's 1993 spring collection. It suggests that her* typical customer is well over 30, a bit of an intellectual and very rich. **Peter Waymark**

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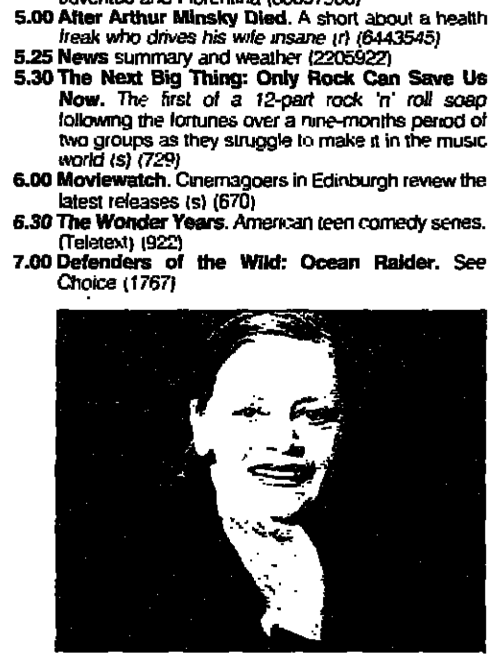
6.00 GMTV *(91644309)*
8.55 Disney Club TV pirates take over the studio and pop group Beijing Spring provide music. Andrea *Boardman, Paul Hency and Richard Orford try to* stay in control (s) (15924019)
10.45 Link: New Breed Siân Vasey presents a profile of a *Manchester-based company of actors with* disabilities (Teletext) (s) (6288632)
11.00 Morning Worship. Service from St James's Parish Church, Whitehaven, *Cumbria* (26748)
12.00 This Sunday Jenni Murray and Paul Heiney present the topical religious magazine series (26699)
12.30 Crosstalk. Parliamentary matters discussed by Peter Allen with regular guest MPs Tony Banks and David Mellor (44583)
1.00 News with Penny Marshall. Weather (93374496)
1.10 Walden. *As teachers threaten to boycott national curriculum tests, Brian Walden asks John Patten,* the education secretary, what the government will do to avert disruption (s) (9080632)
2.00 Survival: Wet Side Story. Documentary on the partnership between plants and animals in the rain forests of Central America (9458)
2.30 The Match. *Live coverage of the Newcastle versus* Sunderland local derby, plus highlights from other soccer action (591361)
5.00 The Gardening Roadshow *presented* by Jeni Barnett, with help from garden designer Roddy Llewellyn and experts Daphne Foulsham and Brita von Schoenaich. Includes actress Siân Phillips leading a tour of her city-centre country garden (Teletext) (s) (1585854)
5.45 Cartoon Time *(466274)*
6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart (Teletext) (624944)
6.20 News *with Dermot Murnaghan Weather (960816)*
6.30 Watching. Repeated romantic comedy starring Emma Wray and Paul Bown (380)
7.00 Surprise, Surprise. *Replacing the dreaded* Beadle, Cilla Black returns with another series of unannounced visits and emotional reunions. *(Teletext) (s) (3125)*
8.00 Heartbeat: End of the Line. A visitor from London means trouble for the 1960s London policeman transferred to the Yorkshire Moors. Nick Berry and Niamh Cusack play the leads (Teletext) (s) (9545)
9.00 Seekers (Teletext) (s) See Choice (2632)
11.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (773651)


Ennio Marchetto as Marilyn Monroe (11.20pm)

11.20 Celebration: Paper Marilyn. The last in the series of three programmes on artists in varying disciplines profiles Ennio Marchetto, the Venetian making a speciality of paper imitations of stars (s) (184748)
12.20 Encounter: Two Hands Hanging. Catholic priest John Doyle struggles with an environmental and social disaster on the borders of Bolivia and Brazil, where huge tracts of rain forest were razed (2964065)
12.50 Cue The Music. The Art of Noise in concert (2642959)
1.50 TXT. Chat show with music celebrities (4568423)
2.55 European Life. Magazine show (9487249)
3.30 European League Snooker. *James Wattana v* Peter Ebdon (85355)
5.30 ITN Morning News (51171). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (2148941) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules.** Cat and dog cartoon (4344458) **7.05 The Wombles** (r) (4078274) **7.10 Widget** (s) *(6675767)* **7.35 Sharky and George.** *The fishy* detectives solve another case (7966090) **8.05 Doug.** Animation (8760106) **8.30 The Adventures of Tintin.** *Hergé's hero helps to free a kidnapped* millionaire (13125)
9.00 California Dreams Episode one of a drama *following the fortunes of a Californian rock band* (36467) **9.30 Dennis.** Adventures of a mischievous child and his chums (r) (2308019) **9.45 Flipper** The *friendly porpoise helps Bud, trapped on a buoy and* surrounded by sharks (682729)
10.15 The Lone Ranger (b/w). The masked goodie and his partner, Tonto, help an innocent man accused of robbery (607038) **10.45 Land of the Giants.** Science fiction drama series (r) (844767) **11.45 Little House on the Prairie** The story of a close-knit Kansas Plains family (9768941)
12.40 The Marathon Monks of Mount Hiei. A documentary *about a group of monks in western* Japan who purge themselves by running 1,000 marathons during a seven-year period (r) (4181545)
1.45 Women's Football *Highlights of the women's FA* cup final between the holders, Doncaster Belles and Arsenal, at Oxford United's ground (103922)
2.45 Football Italia. *Live coverage of the game between* Juventus and Fiorentina (33597980)
5.00 After Arthur Minsky Died. A short about a health *freak who drives his wife insane (r) (6443545)*
5.25 News summary and weather (2205922)
5.30 The Next Big Thing: Only Rock Can Save Us Now. *The first of a 12-part rock 'n' roll soap* following the fortunes over a nine-months period of two groups as they struggle to make it in the music *world (s) (729)*
6.00 Moviewatch. Cinemagoers in Edinburgh review the latest releases (s) (670)
6.30 The Wonder Years. *American teen comedy series.* (Teletext) (922)
7.00 Defenders of the Wild: Ocean Raider. See Choice (1767)


Demure: fashion designer Jean Muir (8.00pm)

8.00 Very Jean Muir. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (9944)
8.30 Street Legal. The first of a new series on Britain's *legal sytstem, introduced by Patricia Hewitt* This programme includes an investigation into the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau and Paul Foot on an individual failure of the judicial system (9699)
9.00 Film: Good Morning Vietnam (1987). This first of a Robin Williams season is a comedy drama about a US forces DJ in Saigon who abandons the anodyne, moral-boosting propaganda favoured by his superiors for more subversive music and messages, much to the horror of the officers and to the delight of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson. (Teletext) (s) (56440816)
11.20 Red Empire. Russian history from the 1917 October revolution to the beginning of the Stalinist era (r) (175090)
12.20am Film: A Child From the South (1991) starring Josette Simon. Drama about a journalist who *returns to Mozambique* 20 years after the assassination of her father Directed by Sergio Rezende (300046). Ends at **2.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Shoot the Video (5624496) **2.00-2.25** Candid Camera Classics (26663729) **2.25** Anglia Sports Special (72943274) **5.00** Telethon Update (3038) **5.30** Bullseye (187) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (624944) **12.50** Quiz Night (4323881) *1.20 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2401539)* **1.45** Film. Dodsworth (979317) **3.40** Entertainment UK (8701997) **4.35** America's Top Ten (70776442) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6384626)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardener's Diary (5624496) **2.00** Challenge of the Seas (9458) **2.30** Film: Helen of Troy (71483767) **4.45** Cartoon Time (6593854) **5.00** Scotsport (2545) **6.00-6.20** The Border Week (346187) **12.50** Quiz Night (4323881) **1.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2401539) **1.45** Film Dodsworth (979317) **3.40** Entertainment UK (8701997) **4.35** America's Top Ten (70776442) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6384626)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Central Newsweek (5624496) **2.00** Earthfile *(42165125) 2.15 Coach (968651) 2.45 The* Central Match (71488212) **5.05** Wanted: Dead or Alive (9242057) **5.35-6.20** Highway to Heaven (224477) **12.50** Prisoner: Cell Block H (6581317) **1.45** The Twilight Zone (4883152) **2.25** Cue the Music (5663133) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (4664626) **4.20** Jobfinder (2925713) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6811775)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Chatte Chatte (4816632) **2.00** Granada Action (9458) **2.30** First Class County (699) **3.00** Film: Hobson's Choice (17662034) **4.45** Coronation Street (716545) **5.45-6.20** Strictly Classified (581651) **12.50** Quiz Night (4323881) **1.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2401539) **1.45** Film: Dodsworth (979317) **3.40** Entertainment UK (8701997) **4.35** America's Top Ten (70776442) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6384626)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 HTV Newsweek (44583) **2.00** Wrestling (1805670) **2.50** Film: Pippi Longstocking (25435458) **4.30-6.20** Film: A Billion For Boris (96818090) **12.50** Quiz Night (4323881) **1.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2401539) **1.45** Film: Dodsworth (979317) **3.40** Entertainment UK (8701997) **4.35** *America's Top Ten (70776442) 5.05-5.30* Jobfinder (6384626)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Playback **2.00-2.50** Soccer Sunday

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30 Meridian This Week (4660187) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (14678361) **2.00-2.30** Wanted: *Dead or Alive* (9458) **4.55** The A-Team (4115564) **5.45-6.20** Fit to Win (581651) **12.50** ITV Chart Show (2642959) **1.50** Film: Firecrack (240317) **3.40** Kojak (8701997) **4.35-5.00** Videofashion (14503404)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25 Tyne Tees News Review (8281564) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (14678361) **2.00** Film: Chips, The War Dog (7385496) **2.55** The Tyne Tees Match (7865125) **3.50** Film: Casanova's Big Night (2399187) **5.20** Survival (6456019) **5.50-6.20** A *Woman's Place* Special (586477) **12.50** Quiz Night (4323881) **1.20** Memories of 1983 (9521978) **2.25** Film: Ten Baden (62876133) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (3332201)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Westwise (5624496) **2.00** Westcountry Update (9458) **2.30** Film: Country Gold (73339564) **4.20** Highway to Heaven (2183545) **5.15** Brief Encounters (582360) **5.45-6.20** Heart of the Country (581651) **12.50** Quiz Night (4323881) **1.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2401539) **1.45** Film: Dodsworth (979317) **3.40** Entertainment UK (8701997) **4.35** America's Top Ten (70776442) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6384626)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (8281564) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News *(14678361) 2.00 Film: Chips, The War Dog* (7385496) **2.55** The Match (7865125) **3.50** Film: Casanova's Big Night (2399187) **5.20** Survival (6456019) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (577729) **12.50** Quiz Night (4323881) **1.20** Memories of 1983 (9521978) **2.25** Film: Ten Baden (62876133) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (3332201)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (26835) **7.00** Fun Factory (9635545) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (98654) **12.00** WWF Challenge (70622) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (89670) **2.00** Trapper John (24816) **3.00** Xposure (5767) **3.30** Fashion TV (8477) **4.00** UK Top 40 *(88477)* **5.00** *All American Wrestling* (7019) **6.00** The Simpsons (76106) **7.00** Blood of Others: First of a two-part mini series starring Jodie Foster and Sam Neill (586057) **10.00** Wiseguy (12922) **11.00** Hill Street Blues (54545) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (45458) **6.30** News and Business Report (281767) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (70903) **11.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (51941) **12.30pm** *Financial Times Reports* (19187) **1.30** Target (10816) **2.30** *Roving Report (60038)* **3.30** The Lords (60309) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (4038) **5.00** Live at Five (58583) **6.30** Roving Report (45729) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (5767) **9.30** Target (52670) **10.30** Roving Report (70854) **11.30** ABC News (28903) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (80317) **1.30** ABC *News* (57862) **2.30** *Target* (72220) **3.30** ABC News (84065) **4.30** The National Gallery (87591) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (80607)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (26516)
8.00 The Lincoln Conspiracy (1977) *Drama about the 1865 assassination of* Abraham Lincoln (48486)
10.00 Smokey and the Bandit II (1980): Comedy starring Burt Reynolds who transports a pregnant elephant to Texas (62903)
12.00 Battling for Baby (1991): Debbie Reynolds and Suzanne Pleshette compete over their first grandchild (38019)
2.00pm White Fang (1991): Jack London's tale of gold prospecting in Alaska (26034)
4.00 Shipwrecked (1991): Pirate adventure *starring Stian Smestad (5651)*
6.00 Suburban Commando (1991). An alien, Hulk Hogan, moves in with Christopher Lloyd's family (66941)
7.30 Xposure Film news (2293)
8.00 F/X2 — The Deadly Art of Illusion (1991). Special effects expert Bryan Brown is framed for murder (28583)
10.00 Eve of Destruction (1990): Rene Soutendijk plays a military robot and its creator (270380)
11.40 I Was a Teenage Vampire (1988). Robert Sean Leonard is seduced by a beautiful woman (656258)
1.10am Preppies (1990): Three girls take revenge on their boyfriends (1374336)
2.30 Descending Angel (1991): George C Scott is accused of war crimes (375607)
4.20 The Commander (1988): Lewis Collins *leads mercenaries in pursuit of a drugs* baron (551826) Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.30pm And Now Tomorrow (1944, b/w): Loretta Young loses her hearing but finds love with doctor Alan Ladd (16496)
6.00 Tennessee's Partner (1955): Western with John Payne and Ronald Reagan (68598)
8.00 The Dresser (1983): Tom Courtenay organises Albert Finney's life (18093)
10.00 Who's That Knocking at My Door? (1968). Martin Scorsese's directing debut stars Harvey Keitel as a young Italian-*American and Zina Bethune as his long-suffering girlfriend (29458) Ends at* **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.10am Where's Willy?: Comedy about a scientific genius (35886729)
8.00 A Breath of Scandal (1960): John Gavin *falls in love with Austrian princess* Sophia Loren (46038)
10.00 Revenge of the Pink Panther (1978): Peter Sellers stars as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau (60545)
12.00 American Friends (1991). Oxford don Michael Palin befriends Trini Alvarado *and Connie Booth (29361)*
2.00pm Jetsons: The Movie (1990): Space-age cartoon adventures
4.00 Drop Dead Fred (1991). Rik Mayall is Phoebe Cates's imaginary friend *(3293)*
6.00 Immediate Family (1990). Glenn Close and James Woods want to adopt Mary Stuart Masterson's baby (14380)
8.00 The Commitments (1991): Alan Parker's story of a Dublin band (26125)
10.00 Regarding Henry (1991): Annette Bening helps Harrison Ford to recover from a debilitating gunshot wound (665309)
11.50 Signs of Life (1989): Drama about the closure of a boat yard (287090)
1.25am I'm Dancing as Fast as I Can (1982): Jill Clayburgh plays a drug-addicted television producer (442688)
3.15 True Colors (1990). John Cusack and James Spader star as political rivals (968997). Ends at **5.15**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Fishing the West (67545) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (23443) **9.00** Jack High (81274) **10.00** The Boot Room (11854) **11.00** Red Line (91090) **12.00** Snowboarding (23125) **12.30pm** Netbusters (58309) **1.00** ATP Tennis: Monte Carlo Open *(8810800)* **4.30** US PGA *Golf* (72038) **6.00** The Big League (56380) **8.00** US PGA Golf (848903) **11.00-1.00am** ATP Tennis: Monte Carlo Open (78922)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (17038) **8.00** Eurofun (15106) **8.30** Motor Racing. San Marino Grand Prix *(14477)* **9.00** Golf: Catalan Open (42570) **10.00** Ice Hockey (52125) **12.00** Boxing (55212) **1.00pm** Motor Racing. San Marino Grand Prix (64458) **3.00** Ice Hockey (36038) **4.00** Athletics. Race Walking World Cup (15545) **5.00** Golf. Catalan Open (91318) **7.00** Ice Hockey (422767) **9.30** Motor Racing: San Marino Grand Prix (74545) **11.30-12.30am** Boxing (95699)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12349748) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (12337903) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (6886854) **7.00** Chocky's Children (3536854) **7.30** Owl TV (3517361) **8.00** Lassie (1956090) **8.30** Reniaghost (1955361) **9.00** Dr Who: The Sea Devils (13720485) **11.45** Film: Colorado Territory (1949, b/w) starring Joel McCrea and Virginia Mayo (99501187) **1.25pm** Film: Campbell's Kingdom (1958) starring Dirk Bogarde and Stanley Baker (14169729) **3.15** The Bill Omnibus (17075941) **5.30** Anne of Avonlea (9574699) **6.30** The District Nurse (5748421) **7.00** Sorry! starring Ronnie Corbett (7023496) **7.30** Sharon and Elsie (9348485) **8.00** A Horseman Riding By (9331106) **9.00** Film. Paper Tiger (1976) starring David Niven and Toshiro Mifune (74144903) **10.55** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (73575767) **12.00-1.15am** In Concert Europe (32502442)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (10467) **7.00** The Berenstain Bears (75651) **7.30** Kaboodle (61458) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (60670) **8.30** RatKan !! (461941) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (70496) **12.00** Dungeons and Dragons (47729) **12.30pm** Bravestarr (98941) **1.00** Okavango (93496) **2.00** Earthworks (5212) **2.30** The Barkleys (4212) **3.00** *Chicken Minute* (1019) **3.30** Round the Bend (3729) **4.00** The River Kings (60019) **5.00** Kats and Dog (6564) **5.30** Fifteen (2600) **6.00-7.00** Fame (73632)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Europe — Views from the Boardroom
6.55 Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Rossini (Overture, Semiramide: *BBC Scottish SO*); *Butterworth* (Rhapsody, A Shropshire Lad: BBC Concert Orchestra); Rachmaninov (The Rock: BBC Scottish SO); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor: Artur Pizarro; BBC Scottish SO); Mussorgsky (Scherzo in B flat: BBC Concert Orchestra); Dvořák (Symphony *No 8 in G: BBC Scottish SO*)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Suppé (Overture, Light Cavalry); Handel (Air and Variations, The Harmonious Blacksmith); Tchaikovsky (Gopak, Mazeppa); *Schumann* (Konzertstück for four horns and orchestra, Op 86); *Shostakovich* (Jazz Suite No 1); **9.52** Artist of the Week: Simon Preston, organ, plays Widor (Toccata, Organ Symphony No 5); Puccini (Gloria, Messa di Gloria); Kreisler (Praeludium and Allegro); *Vaughan Williams* (Serenade to Music — orchestral version); **10.39** *Composer of the Week* preview: Hummel (Octet-Partita in E flat); Rebel (Les Elemens — excerpts); Mozart (Fantasia in F minor, K608); Brahms (Violin Concerto in D)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Andrew Parrott recalls his 20 years as the director of the Taverner Choir and Players, and introduces a selection of their recordings including music by Bach, Machaut, Monteverdi and Purcell
1.00pm News
1.05 Table Talk: Alan Brown talks to British and Chinese *residents of Hong Kong* about the relative merits of each other's cooking
1.20 Tippett and Beethoven: The third of four concerts given last month in the Barbican Hall, London: Faye Robinson, soprano, Mikhail Rudy, piano, BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis perform Tippett (The Wolf Trap: Fanfare); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor); *Tippett (Symphony No 3)*
3.00 The Arensky Suites: Stephen Coombs and Ian Munro, pianos, play Arensky (*Suite No* 34, Op 33, Theme and Variations); Glière (Six Pieces, Op 41, Nos 4-6); Arensky (Suite No 4, Op 62)
3.50 Carmina Quartet performs Szymanowski (String Quartet No 1 in C); Dvořák (String Quartet in F, Op 96, American); Franck (Piano *Quintet in F minor*)
5.20 Out of Darkness: Graham Fawcett traces the Italian composer Luigi Dallapiccola's musical preoccupation with the theme of liberty (r)
6.20 Die Schöne Müllerin: Thomas Allen, baritone, Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Schubert's song cycle
7.30 Sunday Play: Romeo and Juliet. See Choice
10.45 Schumann: Symphony No 3 in E flat, Rhenish (Berlin RSO under Frans Brüggen)
11.20 Music In Our Time, presented by Peter Paul Nash. *Birmingham Contemporary* Music Group under Elgar Howarth, with Susan Bickley, mezzo, Stephen Varcoe, baritone, performs Peter Paul Nash (In a Walled Garden); Gordon McPherson (Heh! Voltaire!); *John Hopkins* (Cantata)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** *News; Morning Has* Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from the church of St Peter, Boughton, Monchelsea, Kent **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World: Ythan estuary (r) **7.40** Sunday *8.00* News *8.10* Sunday Papers
8.50 Bob Monkhouse appeals for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of the Royal Air Forces Association **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Holy *Trinity* Church, Guildford
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Louise Levene
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue *Lawley's castaway is* Baroness Tessa Blackstone, master of Birkbeck College **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with James Cox **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: *Visitors to the International* Spring Gardening Fair at Wembley put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Sue Phillips and Fred Downham. Chairman Clay Jones
2.30 Classic Serial: Children of the Dead End. First of a three-part dramatisation by Maurice Leitch of Patrick McGill's novel
3.30 Trumpets and Foie Gras: Robert Lang plays the socially adept cleric Sidney Smith in the third of four programmes by Roderick Graham (r)
4.00 News; The Thin Blue Line: James Naughtie reports on the United Nations peacekeeping force (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands: The writer and illustrator Judith Kerr celebrates her seventieth birthday *with Michael Rosen*
5.00 News; A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides: Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan follow in the footsteps of Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell (3/6) (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! *Simon Rae* announces the winner of the quotations competition **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 The Village: Nigel Farrell visits Bentley in Hampshire (r)
6.30 Europhile (r)
7.00 In Business. Peter Day reports on the regulators who *control the activities of the* privatised monopolies (r)
7.30 Bookshelf investigates the crime novel, and explores the importance of how and why rather than who dunit (r)
8.00 Punters (r)
8.30 Reading Aloud: *Crispin.* Written and read by Sheila Steafel
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by George Macpherson (r)
9.30 Special Assignment 9.59 *Weather 10.00 News*
10.15 Farewell, Fleet Street: In the second of four documentaries on the newspaper industry, David Wheeler charts the changes in relationships between owners and editors, and the character of newspapers
11.00 In Committee, with Susan Hulme
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Singing the Faith. Ian Bradley explores *how hymns have expressed* changes in theology and attitudes in the Church (1/4)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Romeo and Juliet. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*
Look where you will, up or down, in the cast list of this Renaissance Theatre Company/*Radio 3 production and there is a name to conjure* with: Branagh, Gielgud, Jacobi, Briers, Dench, Holm, Callow, Sheila Hancock and Norman Rodway... and on and on. All with long, distinguished, pedigrees. *And newer names* such as Samantha Bond, whose Juliet clutches at the heart and makes you want to leap up and dash the fateful potion from her hand. This is a *Romeo and Juliet* to cherish. Random House Audiobooks *have recorded it.*

Venus and Adonis. *World Service, 1.01pm.*
Was it Coleridge, perhaps, who planted in the World Service's mind the idea of turning Shakespeare's long poem into a play for three voices? *Coleridge said that* Venus and Adonis seemed like characters "as played by consummate actors". The conjunction of Marcella Evaristi's judicious pruning of the text, Matthew Scott's sentient music and three *consummate* actors, Susan Fleetwood (Venus), Michael Maloney (Adonis) and Norman Rodway (story-teller), has yielded pure theatre. **Peter Davalle**

FREQUENCIES: RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** *1152kHz/261m;* FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102.
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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James *(FM only until 6.00am)* **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline with Neale James **4.00** The UK Top 40 with Bruno Brookes **7.00** The Official 1 FM Album Chart with Lynn Parsons **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies **(FM** only from **12.00) 1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess *(FM only)*

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington. **2.00pm** Benny Green celebrates the 75th birthday of Ella Fitzgerald, **3.00** Alan Dell with Sounds Easy, **4.00** Gems of Operetta; **4.30** Sing Something Simple (r); **6.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker with Melodies for You **8.30** Sunday Half Hour from Crescent Church in *Belfast 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme. Carol* Allen talks to Keith Waterhouse **12.05am** John Terrett **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

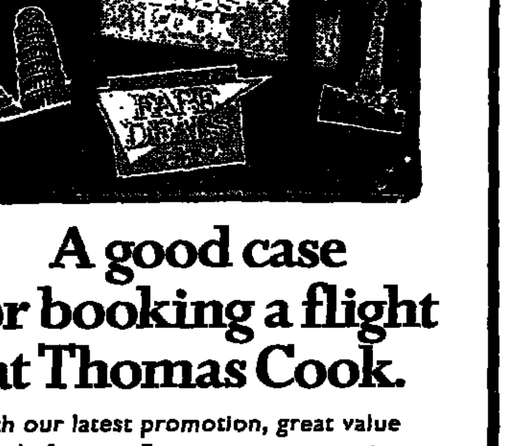
News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** The Spring Queen (1/4) **10.00** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative Omnibus **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.40pm** Open Forum *(r)* **1.00** Sunday Sport: Motor Racing, San Marino Grand Prix, *football and snooker* **6.15** The Greatest Prize on Earth. A history of the world heavyweight boxing championship **7.20** Open University: New Curiosity Shop — All That Glisters. **7.40** Witness to Change; **8.00** Philosophy and Architecture in the 16th Century, **8.20** Assignment 103, **8.40** Maths — Formula Iteration; **9.00** Open Forum, **9.20** Art Works Goes to Dublin with *David Norris, 9.40 The Art Market and the Avant-garde 10.10 Across the Line: The Saw* Doctors in concert at Belfast's Ulster Hall **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Short Story: At the Dentist's Office **5.45** Pop the Question **6.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Printer's Devil **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** News **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** *Classics with Kay* **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Review **10.15** Short Story: At the Dentist's Office **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sport **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** News **12.30pm** The Ken Bruce Show **1.01** Play of the Week: Venus and Adonis. See Choice **2.00** News **3.01** Heritage **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Indians Abroad **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** In the Steps of Rachmaninov **8.30** Europe Today *9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Folk Routes 9.30* Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Short Story: At the Dentist's Office **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Classics with Kay **1.00** News **1.30** In Praise of God **2.01** Breakfast of Champions **2.15** The Making of the Middle East **2.45** World Bandstand **3.00** News **3.30** Composer of the Month: Kurt Weill **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** Celebrity Choice: Jenny Agutter **1.00pm** Nicky Horne **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performance **9.00** Concert: Vivaldi (Magnificat); Mozart (Coronation Mass); Puccini (Messa di Gloria) **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon



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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS HIS PICK OF NEXT WEEK'S TELEVISION

Videos, vandals and little Ern


Net harvest of fame: Michael Jordan earns about £19 million a year from basketball

BEST FILMS

TODAY
Madame X 1966, US (BBC2, 3pm).
Goldfinger 1964, GB (ITV, 5.30pm).
The Hairdresser's Husband 1990, Fr (C4, 10.35pm).
TOMORROW
Good Morning, Vietnam 1987, US (C4, 9pm).
MONDAY
The Moon is Down 1943, US (C4, 2pm).
WEDNESDAY
A Tale of Two Cities 1935, US (C4, 2pm).
THURSDAY
Last of the Badmen 1957, US (BBC2, 6pm).
FRIDAY
A Boy and His Dog 1975, US (C4, 11.05pm).

BEST SPORT

TODAY
Boxing: Frank Bruno v Carl Williams (BBC1, 10.05pm).
TOMORROW
Sunday Grandstand (BBC2, 12.30pm).
WEDNESDAY
Denmark v Ireland (ITV, 2.45pm).
Sportsnight: Highlights from the day's World Cup matches (BBC1, 10pm)

BEST THING

The Comic Strip Presents... (Thursday, BBC2, 9pm)

LA: Stories from the Eye of the Storm
Tomorrow, BBC2, 9.30pm
A year has gone by since the Los Angeles riots, and the city struggles on. It was a sharp idea to find ten very different Los Angelinos and arm them each with a video camera to record the year in their lives after the riots. This craftily edited programme (made by the BBC Community Programme Unit, with the independent company World of Wonder) is the result.

The three days of riots followed the acquittal of four white policemen of using excessive force in their arrest of Rodney King, a black motorist. Fifty-three people died, 2,000 were injured, more than 11,000 buildings were destroyed. And, like Mr King's beating, much of the action was captured on private video cameras: gun battles in the streets; victims sitting in pools of their own blood; the mob chanting slogans of rage and brief triumph; looters running away with their new television sets, videos and camcorders; a woman dancing as she sings "everything is free!".

Among the video diarists are 12-year-old Ennis ("I hope to live to 25 and more..."); Charles Rachal, a reformed gang-leader turned community activist, who gets invited to Bill Clinton's inauguration; Rick Serrano of the *Los Angeles Times*, named Journalist of the Year for his work on the King incident and its aftermath; Vicki Hufnagel, surgeon and mayoral candidate; and Bob Tur, the television cameraman whose footage of the riots shot from a helicopter begins the programme.

There are some horrifying scenes here; the clips of the riots are sometimes too violent to watch. But this is a brilliant example of how the video camera can be used to create a television portrait of city life — the rhythms, the individual psychologies — that a professional camera crew would struggle to make.



Prurience or reportage: the use of the lightweight video camera has produced two very different TV genres. Many of next week's programmes — which are in the tradition of using America as a window to view aspects of our own future — exploit both forms. The products of these roving eye observations are often shocking, sometimes funny. Midweek, the spotlight moves to Soho as few know it: the home of Chinese medicine at work on those who feel let down by the NHS.

Fifteen to One
Monday to Friday, Channel 4, 4.30pm
America has *I Witness Video*, transmitting the most sensational footage from home video cameras; we have Jeremy Beadle's *You've Been Framed*. America has the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, for people to reveal their secrets for the prurient delight of a nationwide audience; we have *Fifteen to One*.

The British are not as willing or as able as the Americans to sit on a stage with a caption flashing on the screen ("Husband Captured Own Murder On Video Tape"), and display each little scar, while the studio audience weeps, laughs, yells abuse. These sorts of programmes have been tried here, but *Kilroy* and *The Time... The Place* just don't cut it.

Instead, each weekday for half the year, 15 more people (retired civil servants, unemployed plumbers, school secretaries, corporate consultants and the like) stand nervously in a crescent to answer questions from the dapper, supercilious William G. Stewart.

There's no big prize at the end of the series, because the real prize is the appearance on television itself — the brief snatches of biography (Leonard enjoys theatre and bridge and captains his pub quiz team), the intense competition of the nominating rounds, that proud, cruel moment before the camera as the question-master examines their general knowledge.

The trivia quiz show is as close as we come to the American delight in self-exposure.

Naked Sport: Be Like Mike
Monday, Channel 4, 9pm
Basketball is black America's biggest sport, and Michael Jordan is basketball's biggest, and highest-paid, star. He earns $4 million (about £2.6 million) a year salary from his team, the Chicago Bulls, and $25 million a year from advertising. On the court, he is spectacular, possibly the best basketball player ever (a fan describes what it feels like to watch him: "Have you ever burped and laughed at the same time?"). Off court, he is the handsome face of corporate America.

Jordan plays both games by their rules. It is impressive to watch him at the annual black-tie dinner he hosts for children's charities, grinning politely as little bald guys repeat his first name over and over again like a good luck success charm (but then, some of them have paid $15,000 for a ticket, so Jordan probably feels they have bought the right).

One of Jordan's commercials contains the song "I want to be like Mike", and millions of kids do. People have literally killed to stand in his shoes — to steal a pair of Nike Air Jordan trainers, price $140.

We are introduced to a new aspirant to the Chicago religion of basketball stardom, Michael Herman. We hear his plans and hopes, and then the programme cruelly cuts to the wise old head-shakers who say: "There are thousands of Michael Hermans." And we meet someone who *nearly* made it.

Skip Dillard missed two free throws at the end of a vital college game and after that his nerve was gone and he was finished. Instead of slam-dunking his way to those NBA pay cheques, he was committing petty larcenies to satisfy his drug habit. And the only television appearance he made after that college game was in a local news story, showing him handcuffed and on his way to a prison sentence for armed robbery.

40 Minutes: The Importance of Being Ernie
Tuesday, BBC2, 9.50pm
Stardom, UK-style. The 1971 Morecambe and Wise Christmas show was watched by 26 million people; almost half the country. Now, nine years after Eric Morecombe's death, Ernie Wise is making a comeback in panto.

This is a sad little film. One of the stock routines of the Morecambe and Wise shows was about how Wise seemed to have no discernible talent: "Without me you'd be lost, wouldn't you, Ern?" Morecambe would crow.

It was clear that Wise was a great straight man, but it's hard to go along with the likes of Bill Cotton, who says that Ernie was just as important to Eric as Eric was to Ernie.

Part of the sadness comes from watching a showbiz widower who seems half-lost without his partner of 46 years. It's strange to watch a 67-year-old man still clinging on to dreams of future Hollywood stardom, while being defiant about his position in the partnership that he will always be known for: "I don't like being called a stooge. Actually, I was the better dancer," Wise says.

Videos, Vigilantes and Voyeurism
Tuesday, Channel 4, 11.35pm
The dark sides of the American video revolution. It is estimated that soon three-quarters of the US video porno market will be made up of home videos. Already, there is a proliferation of cheapo television slots showing plane crashes, automobile pile-ups, and women diving to their deaths from burning buildings. Here's a selection of it, for us to watch and condemn: more shots of the LA riots; a policeman's murder dramatically recorded by his own car-mounted camera; street hoods taping a triumphant mugging for their later viewing pleasure, with their own sportscaster commentary over the top ("And a one punch knocked the man out! Knocked the man out!").

The lightweight, affordable camera has some constructive uses: security for shops, evidence against police brutality, making available images that dissent from what the news networks show. Sometimes the spying has good purpose (it seems that everyone in America who employs a babysitter needs to find out just what is going on when the hand is rocking the cradle). But on the strength of this programme, the problems are far worse. Small-town Americans walk around with their cameras and hope for a catastrophe. They sell the tapes to shows such as *I Witness Video* or *Eye Spy* ("I sold my airplane crash to five stations at $125 a pop," one proud peeper says). An adulterous couple was making out in a pick-up truck; an irate nearby householder shot the action on his camcorder, then turned the footage over to the police. A television station got hold of the tape. The adulterous man killed himself.

The most sinister effect of the video revolution is the change in people's perception of reality: it's as if nothing is felt to exist unless its image is preserved on videotape. And with money available for juicy shots, you reward a nation of dirty-minded, wallet-hungry snoops. As a lawyer says: "The problem is not Big Brother. The problem is Little Brother."

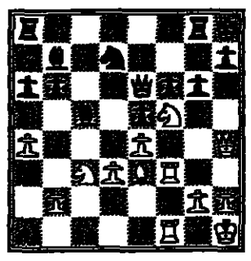
QED: A Chinese Cure for Eczema?
Wednesday, BBC1, 9.30pm
In a narrow street in London's Soho, eczema sufferers who feel let down by the NHS queue to be examined by a Chinese woman practitioner, who will prescribe a personalised blend of a foul-tasting herbal tea. This *QED* is a fascinating look into the effective cures of Chinese medicine, and at opinions within the British medical world — some doctors are enthusiastic about using these treatments, others are terrified. The programme, by its nature, is heavily weighted in favour of the treatment. After you've seen a teenage girl who is disfigured by eczema burst into tears because the interviewer asks her what she wants from a "normal" life, and then, after a month of herbal treatment, seem so much closer to getting one, it becomes hard not to share the enthusiasm of the doctors who are fighting to bring Eastern cures into a rigid Western health system.

Memento: J.G. Ballard
Thursday, Channel 4, 8pm
In a suite of rooms bathed in celestial light, as if the place is a waiting-room for heaven, Joan Bakewell receives guests who bring along some of their favourite things. Next week it's the science fiction writer, J.G. Ballard, whose mementoes include a mahjong set, a human skull, a crashed American car and a unicycle. The biographical tales he tells around them are always gripping, sometimes confessional, and often — like the best of his books — set your own imagination to work.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Lau — Frick, Graz 1993. White found a way to deliver a quick mate in this position. Can you see how?



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

BRIGALOW
a. A bungalow built of bricks
b. Brig's yardarm used as gallows
c. A type of acacia

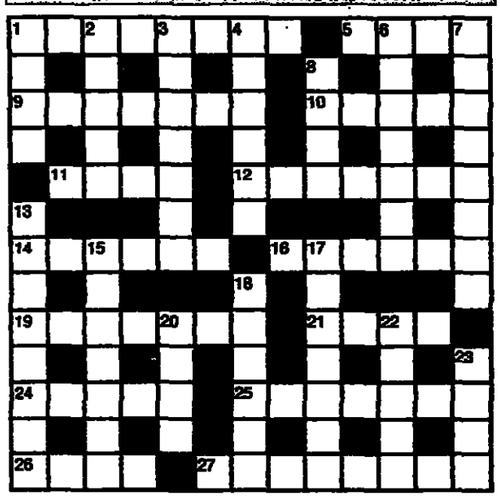
TARDYON
a. A slow particle
b. A sleeveless cardigan
c. A bloodthirsty Phoenician god

RADDLING
a. Debauching
b. Marking sheep red
c. Playing truant

NAND
a. A computer function
b. Unleavened bread
c. To flirt homosexually

Answers on page 13

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9 Feed (7)
10 Failure (5)
11 Anti aircraft fire (4)
12 Treat courteously (7)
14 Tiny (6)
16 Hard shell clam (6)
19 Dupe (4,3)
21 Warm and snug (4)
24 Local lord's house (5)
25 Closest (7)
26 Little cut (4)
27 Danger (8)

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1 Money house (4)
2 Normal (5)
3 Beef breast (7)
4 W. Pakistan capital (6)
6 Implore (7)
7 Long term plan (8)
8 Oh dear (4)
13 Astronaut (8)
15 Very powerful (7)
17 Release grip (7)
18 Sudden pain (6)
20 Section (4)
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23 Remain (4)

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Satire with emphasis on ire

TV's sharpest news-quiz team score a few personal points


Pitting wits: Ian Hislop, Angus Deayton and Paul Merton



HAVE I got news for you? Well, most comedy/light entertainment hasn't. The same furrows of boredom and safety are trudged along on a half-hour, once-a-week type basis, until someone high up in the broadcasting corporation realises that the comedy/light entertainment in question is indeed boring and the show is pulled, never to return. Or sometimes, in a few horrific cases, to return again and again: e.g., *Terry and June* and, well, I'd rather not dwell on it.

But *Have I Got News For You*, back for a fifth series, dares to spank the bottom of controversy, and tweak the nose of politics. It fizzes and snaps with maelstrom wit: eight million viewers snap 192 million ribs weekly. Why is it so popular?

"It's a blend of things," says Angus Deayton, who is allegedly "TV's Mr Sex". "Everybody reads papers and watches the news, so we're discussing common ground. We have Ian Hislop, who's very knowledgeable about current affairs, guests who are a pretty mixed bunch and usually amusing, and Paul Merton, who's an amazingly talented comedian."

"Paul's rude and grumpy," declares Hislop, who has been once too often on the end of a Merton verbal machine-gunning. Also, Hislop's team loses quite regularly to Merton's. Not that Hislop is *bitter*.

"It's a con saying it's a quiz show and it matters who wins," Hislop says. "*News For You* is just us messing about, really: Merton being unspeakably rude — mainly to me, although he does have it in for Angus now. Angus is just too rich, and since that 'TV's Mr Sex' thing, he has become unbearable. This isn't going to be another profile of how desirable Angus is, is it?"

Do you fancy him?

"Obviously I find him utterly... repugnant, actually," Hislop replies. "No, he's a solid chap, but he doesn't turn me on. Not much, anyway."

Snide banter aside, *Have I Got News For You* constitutes, at the moment, British television's entire political/satirical output. Does that worry Hislop?

"Yes. There should be more... *entertaining* news-based programming. There's a lot of bone-dry analysis that appeals to *news junkies like* me," Hislop says, prodding a pile of newspapers on his desk, "which most people find dull. The success of *News For You* suggests people are hungry for news dealt with interestingly."

So we need more straightforward political comment and satire?

"Well, yes," Hislop says. "People get bored with politics, because most of it is so dull. People need something to rouse their interest: a crisis rouses interest — that's part of the reason *Have I Got News For You* and *Private Eye* [edited by Hislop] are going so well. When things go wrong, you want to know why."

But Hislop, Deayton and Merton spend their time rubbishing reputations and policies, which is amusing but not very constructive. Do they have any answers?

"Well that's not really the satirist's job," Hislop reasons. "We just point out vice, folly and humbug. If we started banging on about how great things are, we'd be *Hello!*"

However, a lot of people look up to broadcasters and entertainers as leaders; they are trusted more than politicians. Would Deayton or Hislop like to use their popularity to get into politics?

"No, that's horribly dangerous," Hislop says. "Look at America; Reagan swapped a tatty back catalogue of bad B-films for the White House, because for voters, celluloid seemed more authoritative than real life." Hislop thinks for a minute. "With Glenda Jackson or Sebastian Coe or Gyles Brandreth... Oh dear, what next? Anne and Nick? Richard and Judy? Russell Grant? At least he'd have some premonition of what was going to happen next."

Deayton definitely doesn't want to go into politics. "I have appeared nude on TV," he says. Where? "*Alexei Sayle's Stuff*: it was an article on nude gardening. I had just a small pot plant over my necessaries. And from that I've had several offers to make *Basic Instinct 3*. So I have a career in films awaiting me."

At the end of it all, and putting Deayton's Sex Demi-God status to one side, just how influential do he and Hislop think *Have I Got News For You* is?

"Change *minds*? No, we can't do that," Hislop says. "We add to the debate; we crystallise a few things in a joke that might take three or four thousand words to explain in a newspaper article."

Do you *want* to change people's minds?

"You can delude yourself that that would be a good thing, but it *is* just a quiz."

CAITLIN MORAN

● Have I Got News For You, *Friday, BBC2, 10pm.*

